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Thoroughbred Horses here are:
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Dilly Dolly.



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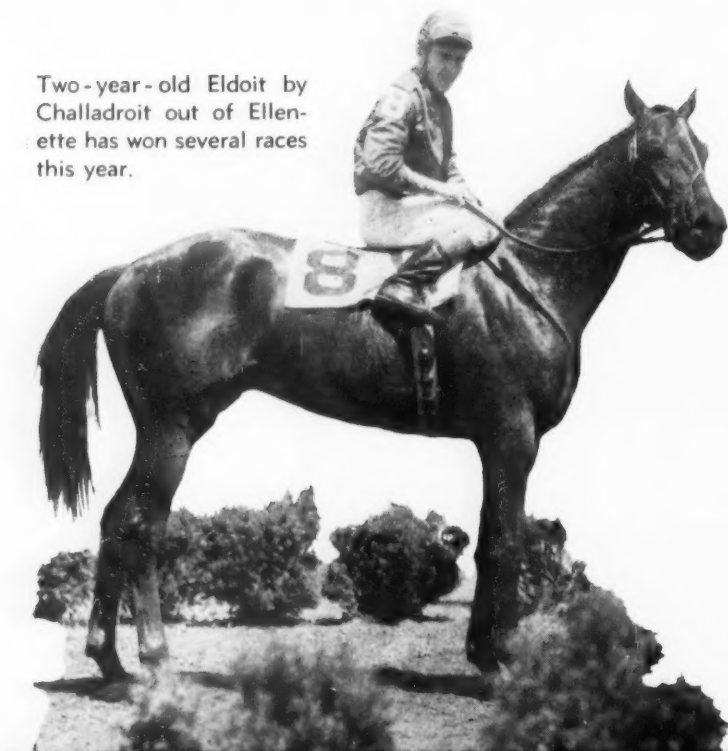


Trim Destiny, one of the fine sires of the White Stable.



Mr. White with Punda, 3-year-old filly by Challadroit out of Kapunda.

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SO CONVENTION TO DALLAS . . .

East Texas Growing In Production

RECOGNITION of the increasing importance of East Texas as a wool growing area led the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to choose Dallas this year for the first time as its convention city, according to President T. A. Kincaid, of Ozona.

The association will open its 43rd annual convention at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, on December 8. Kincaid said the interest of East Texas growers will help make this one of the largest meetings in the group's history.

Advance registrations indicate more than 350 will attend the three-day meeting.

Delegates will hear leading national authorities in up-to-the-minute reports and panel discussions on physi-

cal measurements of wool and their relationship to wool value, range management, wool and mohair utilization, and other phases of current interest.

A dinner dance on December 9 will be an entertainment highlight.

All wool growers, regardless of membership, are invited to attend the convention sessions.

"We have arranged a program covering vital aspects of improving the profit-making potential of the industry, and we are hopeful that as a result of this convention the development of sheep and goat raising in East Texas will be further stimulated, for the benefit of the entire state," Mr. Kincaid said.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Dear Member:

I am taking this means to express to each of you my deep appreciation for the support that you have given me for the past two years while it was my privilege to serve as the president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. I feel that the Association has had remarkable success and has achieved many goals, all of which are due more to the unified action of the members and directors than to any individual effort.

I also want to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the annual convention in Dallas on December 8-9-10. Talk to your friends and neighbors and insist that they also attend the convention. We have arranged an outstanding program that is informative and timely and there will be time for fun and entertainment. Check the Sheep and Goat Raiser magazine for the convention program.

Rains have broken all records nearly everywhere; livestock prices are the best ever; mohair is selling good and even though the wool market is slow we all have reason to take a vacation and celebrate a little. Come to the 43rd convention and show the people of "Big D" and East Texas what a truly great organization the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association is.

Serving as your president has been the greatest privilege and honor of my life and again I say thank you.

See you in Dallas!

Sincerely yours,

T. A. KINCAID, JR.
President

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS TO MEET IN OREGON

THE NATIONAL Wool Growers Association, oldest livestock organization in the United States, will hold its 94th annual convention at Portland, Oregon's Hotel Multnomah, January 25-29, 1959.

The convention is expected to draw some 600 to 800 of the nation's leading sheepmen to the City of Roses. Wool grower officials anticipate having sheepmen in attendance from Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Representatives from all segments of the sheep industry as well as from many segments of allied industries, are also expected to attend.

Editorial

OUR FRONT COVER

MISS WOOL of 1959, Beverley Bentley of Albuquerque, New Mexico, poses with a pretty symbol of the wool industry, the baby lamb.

The beautiful wool gown and red roses compliment the wool industry's representative whose work is most effective in attracting more customers to use the world's most loved fiber — wool.

And what a pretty Merry Christmas picture!

LOTS OF WORK TO DO

THIS IS the holiday season and in many ways a season for reflection.

It is a season for the thoughtful man to review what has happened during the current year, to reflect upon the blessings which have come to him in the way of stable livestock prices, reinforced by ranges which are all that even the most exacting ranchman could possibly hope for. The bountiful rains which have made such ranges possible have also assured feed crops that will fill any foreseeable need.

The serious ranchman casting his eyes into the future observes many problems which may cause him to knit his brow in perplexity. We believe that the straight-thinking ranchman will come to the conclusion that the best possible course for him to follow in solving most of his problems is the simple act of joining with his neighbor and his neighbor's neighbor to present a united front. We believe, therefore, that 1959, which is just around the corner, should be a year of cooperation for the ranch people, and the few days remaining in 1958 should be utilized in laying plans to make more effective cooperation possible.

This is the 38th year this magazine has carried Christmas greetings to the ranchmen and to the friends of ranch people. Our sincerest appreciation and thanks are here expressed for the many kindnesses and tokens of friendship to the magazine and to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

All of us wish for all of you the best holiday season.

ODESSA STEPS OUT

We greet our many friends in Odessa and Ector County, who, by the way, are quite interested in the ranch folk and have always been. They are letting more people know about it and as one business man declared: "We've just started. Here at Odessa we have the most modern stores, merchandise and the friendliest service in West Texas and we want you to know. We're going to tell everyone we can."

On very short notice the Odessa folk did a pretty good job in this issue of the magazine. Don't you think so?

We are happy to serve these agres-

sive business people and recommend that all ranchmen attend the Sand Hills Show, January 5 through 10. It's a fine and dandy show — one of the fastest growing in the nation.

Directors Invited

And, by the way.

The good folk at Odessa point out that there are lots of sheep and sheep people in the Odessa trade area; that Odessa has the facilities, and that Odessa has the interest, so why not a Directors' meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in Odessa sometime next year — possibly in the spring? Something to think about, Mr. Ranchman.

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For the wool growers of this country, one of the most important programs now in progress is an all-out effort to increase the consumption of all-wool upholstery fabrics in automobiles.

All members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association can be of immense help in achieving this aim by providing The Wool Bureau with valuable consumer information relative to automobile fabrics.

I urge each and every member of the Association to fill in the simple questionnaire here and send it to The Wool Bureau in New York as promptly as possible.

It is important for all of us to get behind this effort. Tell your fellow growers about it, and be sure that everyone you know fills in the questionnaire in his copy of the Sheep and Goat Raiser and mails it to The Wool Bureau.

T. A. Kincaid, Jr.

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Yes No
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RANCHMAN PREFERS WOOL UPHOLSTERY

From the left, Fred Gage, Zone Service Manager, Buick Motor Division; Willie B. Wilson, well-known San Angelo ranchman; Don Campbell, Buick dealer in San Angelo; and Edward Loerke, Automotive Representative of The Wool Bureau.

This Ranchman Prefers Wool...

All automobiles do not provide an option of synthetics or wool for upholstery, BUT SOME OF THEM DO.

The Buick Electra, the Chrysler Imperial, the Lincoln Continental, and Cadillac Eldorado now provide wool upholstery.

Progress is being made. The manufacturers are becoming more interested in wool. According to authoritative reports from Detroit, it is quite possible that some 15,000,000 pounds of wool will be used in automobile upholstery — if promotional work continues successfully.

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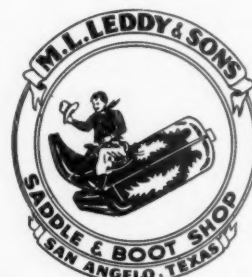
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ON THE CLARA ALLISON RANCH

The land on the left was pitted and seeded in 1956. The pasture on the right was rootplowed and seeded 58 days before. Rainfall was 8¾ inches. From left to right are: E. B. Keng, Soil Conservation, Sonora; G. T. Rode, Sonora; Dayton Blaine, of Holt, San Antonio.

Range Society To Meet In San Antonio

ONE OF the fastest growing agricultural organizations is the American Society of Range Management, and Texas ranchmen, soil conservation scientists and friends are taking a major share of the work in promoting the objectives of this organization. The Texas membership totals 320. Each division of the society is called a "Section," and Texas has the largest in the nation.

The Society was formed in 1947 to foster advancement in the science and art of grazing land management; to promote progress and sustain use of forage and soil resources; to stimulate discussion and understanding of scientific and practical range and pasture problems and to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and facts among members.

Work with the organization has been constant and successful. While many members of the organization are employed by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, most of the membership is composed of practical ranch people and farmers who are seeking knowledge.

Jack M. Fletcher, San Antonio, is chairman of the Texas Section, and other officers are: Vice-Chairman, Gerald Thomas, Texas Tech.; Lubbock; Secretary-Treasurer, M. G. Carter, Uvalde; Directors: Leo Merrill, Sonora; Jerry Puckett, Ft. Stockton; Carlos Grote, Johnson City; C. A. Rechenthin, Temple; Rudy Pederson, San Angelo; H. M. Bell, Lubbock; T. A. Booker, Hunt.

The annual convention for 1958 will be held in San Antonio, December 5-6. All meetings are open to the public and ranchmen are urged to attend and participate in the discussion.

As an example of a part of the effective work of the organization, reference can be made to a typical field day demonstration held in late Oc-

tober during which some 125 ranchmen and Soil Conservation experts studied root plowing results on range land, were entertained at a barbecue at the Ranch Experiment Station, Sonora, and analyzed various procedures to increase the benefits from land handling practices.

The group visited the Clara Allison ranch on which in late July, 1958, 157 acres were root plowed and seeded to blue panic, blue grama, rescue, sideoats grama and sorghum alnum grasses. Approximately 50 acres of this block were seeded by hand and the remainder with a seeder mounted on a tractor. Rains during the week of August 25 brought the grass up. Another 155 acres were rootplowed and seeded at the same time at a like rate, with all seeding done with seeder and tractor, resulting in a more uniform stand with no skips.

The group also visited the Mack Cauthorn ranch south of Sonora, where 840 acres of rootplowed land was inspected. Here ten experimental plots were handled in different ways by G. T. Rode and Holt Machinery Company of San Antonio. Some plots were seeded at varying rates. Some were rolled with heavy concrete rollers or sheepsfoot roller. Other land was given a light rootplow treatment or scarifying treatment. The consensus was that the cultipacking which can be done for about \$1 per acre was

worth the money. Rootplowing cost was estimated to average around \$10 per acre.

Mr. Fletcher declared that most of the study indicated that cultipacking could be made a most valuable practice in the Edwards Plateau area, increasing the soil producing efficiency.

"You can pick your time for seeding and cultipacking and you can get the grass up on the moisture you have already in the ground instead of having to wait for another rain," he declared.

ON THE MACK CAUTHORN RANCH

Shown here 58-day growth of sorghum alnum and blue panic grass which received total rainfall of 11 inches. From left to right are: Mack Cauthorn, of Sonora; Leo Merrill, Range Specialist, Texas Range Experiment Station, Sonora.



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(Illustrations and cutlines by Melvin Camp. See November, 1956, issue.)



"C" OR RINGLET TYPE ANGORA BUCK

The present day "C" type Angora Buck is an outstanding producer of fine quality mohair. He shows more refinement in his horns, bones and fleece than does the "B" type. He does not reach the weight of the "B" type buck if he is of the true "C" type. Although considered pure for the "C" type, he will exhibit some of the characteristics of the "B" or flatlock type. The fleece is made of locks which are formed by hairs hanging individually from a point of attachment at the skin.



Texas Angora Goat Production

By JAMES A. GRAY
Extension Animal Husbandman

THE ANGORA goat is an animal that is adapted to a dry, mild climate. Since they are primarily browsing animals they thrive best where there is a good variety of brush, weeds and grass.

Considering these requirements, it is easy to see why Texas has over 90 percent of the Angora goats produced in the United States. To aid in controlling the ever increasing brush it is logical to suppose that they will continue to be popular.

Many people believe that the Angora goat is a rough, tough, tin-can eating animal. This is contrary to the true character of this animal. He is a sensitive, intelligent, healthy, easily managed animal.

His worst enemy is a cold, chilling rain within six weeks following shearing. During this period he needs care and attention.

Type of Range Necessary

Angora goats can make use of many different kinds of pasture. They are excellent for making use of high, rough land as they are excellent climbers and good travelers. They are very useful in helping to clear some types of brushy land and help control sprouts on some types of cleared land. They need a good water supply and year long browse is preferable.

When goats are grazed on a range of dry grass and weeds their fleeces will be light in weight and lack natural oil. If they have access to green browse or green grass and weeds their fleeces will be heavier and contain more natural oil. Small grain provides excellent grazing but will usually cause the mohair to be coarse. If year-long browse is not available, goats very likely will require some supplemental feeding during the winter months.

Angora goats relish many kinds of brush but eat very little of other kinds. One of the most important varieties of brush is live oak, which provides year-round browse. Angora goats fit into a long-range ranch program, where considerable live oak browse is available.

Goats have been used to kill shin oak by concentrating them on the brush during the spring and summer. Shin oak does not supply browse during the winter months. It is possible for goats to get bud poisoning in the early spring when limited to browsing on oak buds.

The other varieties of oak sprouts provide good browse during the spring and summer months. Goats have been used to control post oak sprouts in cut-over and bulldozed areas. Goats are

THE INTERMEDIATE TYPE ANGORA GOAT

The present day type Buck which was developed by infusing the blood of both the "B" and "C" types shows inherent characteristics of both types. He has a strong, well developed body like the "B" type and carries a fleece which is intermediate between the two types. His fleece has the length, fineness and luster of the "C" type along with the natural body oils and density along with fleece weight of the "B" type.

especially fond of post oak leaves when they first fall after frost.

Goats make excellent use of acorns and, due to their traveling and grazing habits, usually get most of the acorns in a pasture. It is possible for them to eat too many acorns, causing compaction.

Elm provides good browse during the spring and summer and when it isn't too tall for the goats to reach.

Goats can be used to clean out briars as they are especially fond of them. Mature goats should be used for this purpose as the briars may catch and hold young goats. The young goats oftentimes do not have enough strength to pull loose.

Catclaws provide a very nutritious browse that goats utilize during the spring and summer. It is dangerous to run kids and young goats on catclaw because they become entangled and are not strong enough to pull loose.

Ill-scented sumac is an excellent browse for goats. They like it so well they often eat the bark and kill the bush. As a result, very little sumac is found in pastures continuously stocked with goats.

Goats will utilize quite a lot of cedar during the fall and winter, especially if there is very little green feed available. They seem to prefer second growth cedar. Goats have been known to winter on cedar, some green weeds and dry grass.

Guajillo is an excellent browse for goats. It is pretty well limited to the southern edge of the Edwards Plateau. If eaten in too large quantities it may produce a condition known as limber leg. Ranchmen who have this brush regard it highly as a browsing plant for livestock.

About the only utilization goats make of mesquite is after frost when the leaves begin to fall. They also relish mesquite beans.

Our problem varieties of brush, such as mesquite, black persimmon, white brush and suisache cannot be controlled by grazing with goats.

An attempt has been made to rate some of our more common varieties of brush as to their utilization by goats.

Variety	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Live Oak	x			
Post Oak		x		
Spanish Oak		x		
Shin Oak		x		
Ill-scented Sumac		x		
Youpon		x		
Elm		x		
Briars		x		
Catclaws		x		
Wild Plums			x	
Coral Bean			x	
Mesquite				x
Cedar			x	
Small Leaved Sumac		x		
Guajillo	x			
Black Persimmon				x
White Brush				x

Types of Operation

Angora goat production is either on the commercial or registered basis. Flocks vary in size from 25 to 30 head in farm flocks up to range flocks of several thousand head.

Production of registered Angora goats is not recommended without previous experience in the commercial business.

The breeding of registered Angora goats is a detailed business and requires keeping of accurate records on breeding dates, kidding dates, sire and dam. It is best for the person entering the registered business to have a good knowledge of genetics and nutrition. He should also have some knowledge of advertising and be a good salesman.

Registered flocks are usually small-

er than commercial flocks. Registered goats are usually produced to supply bucks to the commercial producer. Commercial producers usually prefer bucks from registered breeders.

Commercial flocks are usually produced in areas that have suitable range. Commercial goats are produced mainly for the mohair and the wether goats that either go to market for meat or to someone interested in controlling brush.

Controlling sprouts on cut-over, bull-dozed or chained brush country with goats has become very popular in certain sections. Wether goats are more popular for controlling sprouts because they are usually larger, stronger and can withstand more cold after

shearing than does and kids. The ranchman that is interested in controlling brush is many times not interested in the breeding of goats.

There are a good many commercial farm flocks of Angora goats. They are useful in keeping brush and undergrowth down along draws and in rough pastures. They help control weeds along fence rows and around the edges of fields. Goats are easily handled under farm flock conditions and do not require a great deal of attention.

Types of Angora Goats

Producers have come to recognize the importance of size and good conformation in the Angora goat. They

still have differences of opinion about types of fleeces. The differences in type of fleece are associated mainly with the type of lock. There are three principal types of locks recognized by producers: Ringlet or C-type, flat lock or B-type and the web lock, which is in between the ringlet and flat lock.

The ringlet type of lock is represented by a fleece that falls in long, tight locks or curls about the size of a pencil. This type of fleece usually has plenty of length but may be lacking in density. The lack of density was especially well demonstrated during the drouth years by the heavy penetration of dirt into these fleeces. In many instances the dirt was found

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"C" or Ringlet type lock without natural twist or spiral. Component of lock on left showing a thin, narrow flat lock.



"C" or Ringlet type lock with natural twist or spiral. Component of lock on left showing natural twist.



"B" or flat type of lock. Component of lock.



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ANGORA GOAT

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to have penetrated to the skin whereas in fleeces having the other types of locks it had not penetrated that far.

The flat lock type is just as the name implies. The mohair falls in flat, wavy locks with one lock lying on top of the other. When selection for the flat lock type of fleece is carried too far a loss of staple length usually results, causing lighter fleece weights.

The web lock is a type that is neither flat nor ringlet but a lock that is in between these two. Many times it may be rather flat in type near the skin and more ringlet in type near the tip. It has been observed that goats having this type of fleece hold up in production longer than either of the other two. They will produce heavier fleeces with good staple length for a greater number of years.

It was the common belief that the ringlet type of fleeces were fine in quality but light in fleece weight and that the flat lock fleeces were coarse in quality and heavy in fleece weight. This is not necessarily the case as it is possible to produce heavy shearing goats with ringlet fleeces and it is possible to find coarse fleeces among the ringlet type. Just the opposite may be found among the flat lock type fleeces. Many of them are fine in quality and it is also possible to find light shearing goats with flat lock fleeces.

Selecting Angora Goats

Breeders have developed a guide for use in judging Angora goats. This guide allots 40 points to body conformation and size and 60 points to the fleece.

Size in the Angora goat is important to maintain the strength and vitality of the goats. When too much emphasis is placed on the fleece Angoras tend to lose size and vigor. It is believed that a yearling buck should weigh at least 80 pounds and a yearling doe should weigh at least 60 pounds. Size at maturity varies greatly and depends on the amount of feed available during growth.

It is not possible to determine the constitution and vigor of an animal by looking at him. There are, however, certain indicators of good constitution

and vigor. Animals that have a wide, deep chest, full heartgirth and a full spring of ribs are usually vigorous and have a good constitution.

In conformation the animals should have medium length of leg with good width and depth of body. They should have fairly good length of body and not be short and dumpy. The back should be straight and strong with adequate width across the back and loin. A good, broad loin is essential to the development of strong Angora goats.

When bred for quality of mohair, Angora goats are likely to lose body size and size of bone. The size of the bone as indicated by the development of the bone below the knees and hocks is usually a good indicator of the ruggedness of the animal. The bone should be clean and in proportion to the size of the animal. The legs should be straight and placed squarely under the animal.

Angora breed type is important and is indicated by the head, horns, ears and color markings. The hair on the face and lower parts of the legs should be white and free from colored fibers. Freckles or brown spots in the skin around the nose are not objectionable. The horns should be set wide apart and on a buck should spiral outward. Black horns disqualify an animal for registration. In considering the fleece of the Angora goat one of the most important points is freedom from kemp. Kemp fibers are large, chalky, white hairs. They are most commonly found at the base of the neck, down along the backbone, around the tail and sometimes on the lower parts of the thighs or the britch. Kemp is highly undesirable to manufacturers because the fibers are brittle and take dye and reflect light differently from true mohair.

The Angora goat should have a bright fleece of white mohair that is uniform in fineness and length from front to rear. The animal should be uniformly covered except for the face, which should be covered with mohair down to the eyes.

A good Angora goat should produce mohair at the rate of one inch per month. This will produce a six-inch staple for each of the six-month clips.

Luster is the brightness or shininess of the fiber or the way the fiber reflects light. In good quality mohair luster is developed to a high degree. Luster is one of the most desirable

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characteristics of mohair as a textile fiber.

The fleece of the Angora goat should be dense. Density is determined by the number of fibers per unit of area. This character is difficult to measure but may be estimated. One method is to observe the amount of skin exposed when the fleece is parted. The more skin exposed when the fleece is parted the less the density. Another way to estimate density is to grab a handful of mohair on each side of the animal and lift up. The more mohair the fuller the handfuls and the heavier the weight upon lifting. Density is difficult to estimate quickly and accurately.

Fine mohair is generally more desirable and uniformity of fineness from front to rear is very important. Some of the coarsest mohair is usually found on the underside of the neck and this is one of the important places to check for uniformity of fineness in the fleece. Mohair fleeces get coarser with age until the animal reaches about eight years of age when the fleeces tend to get a little finer again. This is probably due to a loss of thriftiness in the animals.

Character of the fleece refers largely to the type of lock. The type of lock is more important to the registered breeder than to the commercial producer. Whatever type of lock is found on the goat it should be uniform over the entire body.

For registered breeders there are certain disqualifying characteristics that include deformed mouths, broken down pasterns, deformed feet, extremely crooked legs, "sheepy" fleece, abnormalities of the testicles, close-set and distorted horns and off-colored fibers in the fleece.

Following is the guide issued by the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association for the judging of Angora goats:

BODY 40 POINTS

Size and Weight for Age.....	11 points
Min. weight — Yearling Buck 80 lbs., Yearling Doe 60 lbs.	
Constitution and Vigor.....	11 points
Width and depth of chest, fullness of heartgirth and spring of ribs.	
Conformation.....	8 points
Width and depth of body, straightness of back, width of loin, strength of back.	
Amount of Bone.....	5 points
Indicated by size of bone below knee and hock. Should be clean and in proportion to size of animal. Strength of feet and legs.	
Angora Breed Type.....	5 points
Indicated by head, horns, ears, color markings, freckles not objectionable. Horns should be wide-set on a Buck and should spiral outward.	

FLEECE 60 POINTS

Freedom from Kemp.....	12 points
Kemp are large, white, chalky hairs.	
Uniformity and Completeness of Covering.....	11 points
Uniformity includes uniformity of fineness, length, type of lock and covering. Adequate covering of Mohair over entire body, neither too much nor too little on face.	
Luster and Oil in Fleece.....	9 points
Luster is a good, bright type of Mohair.	
Density.....	8 points
Indicated by number of fibers per unit of area, visually by amount of skin exposed when fleece is parted.	
Length of Fleece.....	8 points
Equivalent to one inch or more per month.	
Fineness of Fleece.....	8 points
Finer Mohair generally more desirable.	
Character of Fleece.....	4 points
Refers to type of lock — lock should be uniform over entire body, whether flat, ringlet, or web.	

TOTAL100 points

Disqualifying Characteristics —
Deformed mouths, broken-down pasterns, deformed feet, crooked legged (including cow-hocked), sheepy-fleece, abnormalities of testicles, close-set and distorted horns, any off-colored hair.

Equipment for Angora Goat Production

Very little equipment is necessary for the production of Angora goats. A shed for the protection of the goats until four to six weeks following shearing is the most essential item. This shed need not be elaborate or expensive. A common type of shed is one constructed of corrugated metal about six feet high in front and sloping to four feet in the rear, open to the south. The main use is to provide shelter for the goats until they grow sufficient mohair to protect themselves from chilling.

Tight fences are necessary. The Angora goat will hunt a hole and crawl through. They rarely attempt to jump over. Net wire makes the most desirable goat fence. The ordinary four-wire barbed wire fence can be made goat-proof by adding several additional wires. The wires should not be over six inches apart near the bottom with increasing distance between the higher wires.

Feed troughs and salt feeders that are suitable for sheep are satisfactory for goats.

The usual pens and corrals used for working sheep and cattle can be used for working goats. Cattle pens may require a little tightening to prevent the goats from crawling out.

(Continued next issue)—The next chapter will take up the Calendar of operations in Angora Goat Production.

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Management of the Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

QUALITY AND BREED TYPE IN A FLOCK IS NO ACCIDENT

THERE IS no substitute for quality. Quality to a good livestock breeder suggests something above average or superior to just ordinary animals. It is something that a breeder strives constantly to get and keep in a flock.

It takes time, patience and know-how, and usually a certain amount of cash investment to build or produce a quality flock. In building a foundation flock, you are sure to have some disappointments along the way, but the careful and constructive breeder, over the years generally builds that kind of flock.

When you glance back at many of the top flocks produced in this country in recent years, not many of them have been mere accidents. Most of these breeders recognize the importance of a good ewe flock that are thickly made and the good, deep bodied kind. Ewes with good heads, good bone, with smoothness and compactness. Then, too, our best breeders use the best stud rams obtainable. The

stud rams used in your flock are all-important, and if carefully mated can improve a flock rapidly in breed type and character.

Different Types

The word "type" has been bandied about considerably by many people in the livestock field who have failed to select toward the type best suited for their particular locality and breed. It seems logical to me that different sections of the country need to produce the kind of sheep best adapted to their locality, and the kind they can sell or market to best advantage. To my way of thinking, when showing at our major shows throughout the country, the breeders and judges from all sections of the United States and Canada should all be willing to give and take a little. If western breeders like sheep more upstanding, with more size, plenty of bone and more open faces, there surely is nothing wrong with their line of thinking. They are producing the kind of sheep

that markets and adapts itself best in their section of the country.

On the other hand, if breeders in midwest and eastern sections prefer the more compact, closer to the ground kind, they are also producing the kind that many of them like and find most profitable to raise. To me it is pretty much a matter of producing the type you prefer, but let's keep them uniform in type.

Top Breeders Produce Their Own Type

Many of our best breeders have a stamp of individuality in the type of sheep they produce. Take the Rambouillet breed, for example. Flocks like the Pierces', Sheffields', and J. K. Madsen's, among many others, have become famous because of their uniformity in type and breed character.

The same story holds true among many of our modern day Hampshire and Suffolk breeders. Several of these men might be termed "builders of the breed," and have made or produced their own breed type. You might say they have more or less set their own standards of breed perfection. The same is true also in many of the other breeds.

When quality sires are mated carefully with the ewe flock, it combines to produce many outstanding individuals. Usually the concentration of proper bloodlines adds a lot to the quality of most any flock. No one

breeder produces all the good ones but I think it safe to say, you will find more top animals in the flocks that are uniformly good. It is always a sight worth seeing, when you look at a flock full of breed character.

Even Grade Flocks Should Have Quality

The commercial sheepman no doubt has his own ideas as to the type of sheep he prefers. It seems to me, he could be far less critical of breed type than the purebred breeder.

The fast growing, easy feeding kind that produce lambs that will weigh well at an early age, is probably the kind a lot of farmers and ranchers admire. However, quality even to the packer buyer is not overlooked when he bids on your lambs. The Southdown lamb, time and again has proven that size does not mean everything, and it takes a quality carcass to bring the top market price.

The ultimate end of our commercial sheep is the packing house, and the more weight you have in your carcass, with, of course, reasonable quality, the more money there is for the producer. So let the commercial breeder, farmer and rancher produce the kind most profitable to him, but keep in mind to raise lambs that show the proper amount of quality.

Are Western or Natives Ewes More Profitable?

We were reading not too long ago an interesting article by Prof. A. L.

Quality even to the packer buyer is not overlooked when he bids on your lambs.



Pope, University of Wisconsin, in regard to this matter. It is a common saying among sheepmen that western (white face) ewes live longer and produce more wool than native (black face) ewes. On the other hand, there are some who think native ewes are more prolific and produce lambs that grade higher. In the past, these remarks have been more or less only "sayings," without research information to back them up. Now, according to Prof. Pope, we have experimental evidence and mind that they have been true only in some respects. The Western Virginia Experiment Station has just recently completed a ten-year study on this problem.

The ewes were fed and managed as a single flock except during the breeding season. They were bred to either Hampshire or Southdown rams with the same number of ewes in each group bred to each ram.

Ewes were lost from the flock due to death, failure to lamb and an occasional bad udder. Every ewe remained in the flock as long as she was considered useful for the production of wool and lambs.

The conclusions drawn from this ten-year trial are as follows:

1. Western ewes were heavier by an average of 13 pounds at the start of the breeding season.

2. The longevity of the western ewes was superior. There was a much heavier loss of native ewes as they reached seven to eight years of age.

3. The lambs from the native ewes graded slightly higher.

4. The value of the lambs sold per

ewe in the flock was greater nine years out of ten for the western ewes.

5. The western ewes were more prolific—they had 50.5% twin births over these years and 45.2% single births compared to 43% and 54%, respectively for the native ewes.

6. The weight of the fleece, per ewe clipped, was approximately 100% heavier in the case of the western ewes.

7. The annual gross return for each ewe bred and clipped was greater for the western ewes for each of the ten years. This advantage for western ewes varied from \$2.00 to \$12.00 per head. The average yearly advantage over the ten years was \$6.82 per ewe, or in other words, each western ewe returned \$6.82 more than did the average native ewe.

The big difference between the income of these two kinds of ewes was more wool produced, more lambs raised and longer life of the westerns.

The writer is indebted to Prof. Pope for practically all of the above information, much of which was taken from his article. We would also like to explain at this time that western ewes could very well be Texas ewes of Rambouillet and Delaine origin or Rambouillet - Lincoln crosses that produce many of our better so-called western white faced ewes.

Oklahoma Bred Ewe Sale December 20

The Oklahoma Sheep Breeders Association is holding its annual bred ewe sale at Stillwater on Saturday, December 20. The writer is more or

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STUDIES TO increase consumption of lamb and improve wool's competitive position in the fiber market were given priority at the annual meeting of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Sheep and Wool Research and Marketing Advisory Committee in

Washington, D. C., November 5 to 7.

Committee members said that the strengthened research on sheep breeding, relation of production practices to quality of cooked lamb, development of wash- and -wear fabrics and evaluation of promotional programs

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would help to achieve these goals.

Established under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, the committee is composed of national authorities and leaders from the sheep and wool industries. Its detailed recommendations for sheep and wool research to be undertaken by USDA will be submitted formally to the Department within the next few weeks.

Research is needed, according to committee members, to develop superior strains and breeds of sheep with inherent ability to produce lamb and wool under varying climatic and nutritive conditions. Production factors which need continued study for better meat and wool include variations in breeds of sheep, breeding systems, farm flocks and range herd management, climatic and geographic locations, types of range, and feeding practices.

As for wool utilization research, the committee noted that wool's inherent superiority should be analyzed to enable wool to compete with the synthetics by improvement in the physical characteristics and stability of wool fabrics. The aim of wash-and-wear studies would be wool garments that can be laundered at home without shrinking or losing pleats and creases.

Other research that committee members said rated high priority attention includes:

1. Evaluation of consumer attitudes and preferences on wool and other fibers.

2. Improved processing of chemically modified wools.

3. Control of sheep parasites and diseases.

The committee also approved several proposals to improve the statistical and marketing reports of wool and lamb.

John H. Breckenridge, Twin Falls, Idaho, sheep raiser and committee chairman, presided. Carl J. Nadasy, general manager of the Wool Growers Association, Minneapolis, was elected vice-chairman.

Other committee members who attended were: Otis Budlong, lamb feeder, Waterloo, Iowa; S. Willard Bridges, The Top Company, Boston, Mass.; Arthur R. Jewell, sheep raiser, Idle-Ease Farms, Centerburg, Ohio; Harold Josendal, sheep raiser, Casper, Wyo.; George W. Litton, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; Dr. Hadleigh March, veterinary research laboratory of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, Bozeman, Mont.; Robert W. Reid, mohair producer, Hillsboro, N. Mex.; and Dr. Werner von Bergen, associate director of research, J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., Garfield, N. J.



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Management

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less familiar with the many fine breeding sheep offered in this sale year after year for in years past I have judged the sale sheep on several occasions. Any parents wanting to present their youngsters with a fine Christmas present could not go wrong in attending this sale and buying a good bred ewe or two. A nice assortment of ram and ewe lambs will also be available to prospective buyers.

FINE WOOL AND CLIPPINGS

A SMALL-town merchant, while enjoying a convention in a large city, attended a strip-tease performance with some of the boys and the next day was obliged to go to an oculist for treatment.

"When I left the show last night," he told the oculist, "my eyes were red and swollen."

"After this," advised the oculist, "try blinking once or twice during the show. You won't miss much."

A FRIEND of ours says he's going to quit talking to himself because he has been getting such stupid answers.

AN Iowan farm hand went to work for a Texas rancher. There had been a long drouth, and every man on the ranch was hoping for rain. One day it started to sprinkle, and the Iowan, to show his delight, began to dance in the rain.

"Hey, you," shouted the ranch owner, "come in out of that rain!"

"Oh, I don't mind it a bit," called back the farm hand.

"That isn't the point," insisted the rancher. "I want every drop of that water to fall on Texas."

MANY decisions by execs have no more solid foundation of knowledge than that of the grizzled old man who was approached by a public opinion poll-taker and asked: "Sir, I would like to find out if you are in favor of continuing aid to Europe by our government?"

"Absolutely," was the prompt answer.

"And what is your reason?"

"Heck, I've only just made my decision," snorted the old man. "I haven't figured out no reason yet!"

A WOMAN drove into a service station to complain that her car was using too much gas. The attendant pointed to the choke lever which protruded from the dashboard. "Do you know what this is for?" he asked.

"Oh, that," said the woman airily. "I never use it, so I keep it pulled out to hang my handbag on."

"IS your poor husband gone?" ventured the minister, seeing an aged woman of the parish put on her heavy mourning.

"Oh, no, suh. Neither one of 'em is dead."

"Why are you wearing black, then?"

"Well, suh, this new man nagged an' bothered me so much that I've went into mourning fo' mah first husband."

MANY a man keeps his nose to the grindstone so his wife can turn hers up at the neighbors.

"ETHICS," the man told his son, "is vital to everyday living. For example, today an old friend paid me back a loan with a new hundred dollar bill. As he was leaving I discovered he'd given me two bills stuck together. Immediately a question of ethics arose: Should I tell your mother?"

A NEGRO parson making an appeal for money one Sunday morning said: "In conclusion, brethren, dis money sho' gotta be raised, and I mus' say dat if day ain't no five dollar bills in dat collection box dis mornin' a certain gemman's wife will know what lady he was seed wif a few nights ago!"

There were fourteen five dollar bills in the plate.

A GROUP of soil conservationists were making a tour through a badly eroded, rocky section of the hill country. At one stop a grizzled old farmer told the visitors, "My forefathers fought the Indians for this here land." Then, looking out across his gullied fields, he added, wryly, "They should have let the Indians keep it."

THE collectors were pressing down on Rastus during a drive for church funds. "I cain't give nuthin," pleaded the old Negro. "I owes nearly everybody now."

"But," said one of the solicitors, "don't you think you owe the Lord something, too?"

"Ah sho' does," said the old man. "But he ain't pushin' me like the other creditors."

A SCOTCHMAN, an Irishman, and a Jew had dinner together. When the waiter came with the bill, the Scotchman promptly said he would take it. The next day the newspaper carried a headline: "Death of a Jewish Ventriloquist."

TWO cowboys are talking. One says, "My name's Tex."

Second one says, "You from Texas?"

First one says, "Nope, I'm from Louisiana, but who wants to be called Louise?"

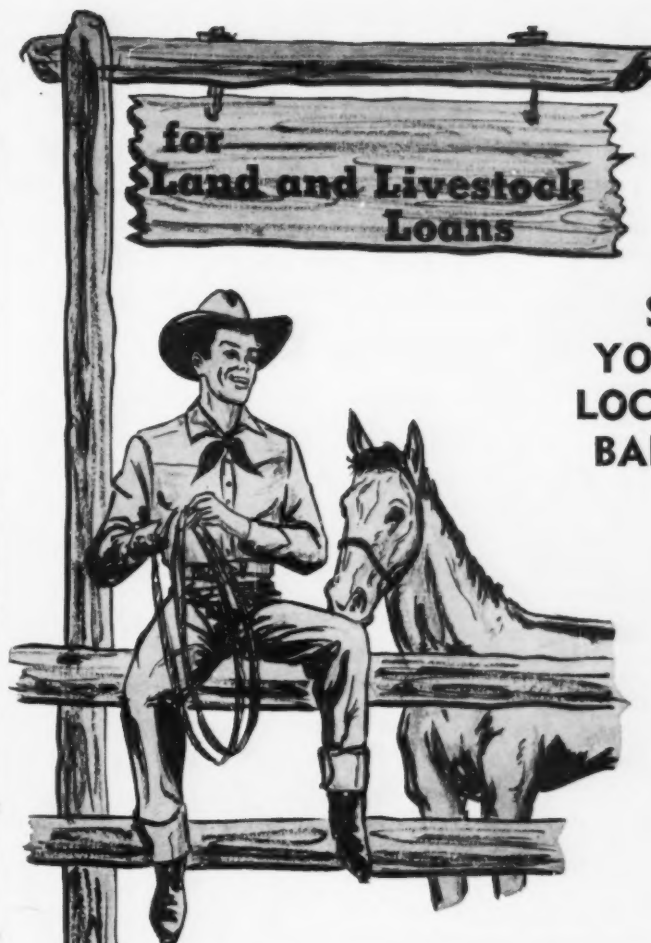
A DOCTOR jabbed a small boy with a long needle as both the child's mother and the nurse held the yelling patient. His task completed, the doctor sought to take the boy's mind off his troubles. "You're a nice-looking chap," he told the youngster. "What do you expect to do when you grow up?"

His eyes wet with tears, the boy looked at the doctor with grim determination. He muttered, "I'm going to kill you."

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Conservation Essential To Range Production

By OMER E. SPERRY

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THE RANCHMAN today must know the economics of marketing and the management and development of his animals, as well as the overall livestock - wildlife - forage management problem. Before an operator can market, he must produce. Although the quality of animals and their products are all important, we must have range production before we can have animal production.

Rangelands, like animals or humans, are subject to illness and infestation. Much of our rangeland is ill and the poisonous plant problem is one of our infestations. Brush and other undesirable weeds are others. There have been impressive achievements in the diagnosis of our rangelands, but no ready-made diagnosis will fit any given pasture. Each operator must spend more time looking at the land and vegetation, both the present and future potential.

We must continue to emphasize the quality of animals, and we are fast moving toward net pounds of quality production with less talk about the number of head per section.

The Soil Conservation Service, the Experiment Station, the Extension Service and various academic and research agencies are instrumental in directing attention to the health and welfare of our rangeland. Technical advice is available through State and Federal services. Marked progress in conservation has and is being made but the success of your program depends on you as the operator and on your use of current research and information from technicians and fellow operators.

Range management has been defined as the science and art of obtaining maximum livestock production from rangeland, consistent with conservation of the land resources. There is a definite relationship of animal

husbandry, range ecology and wildlife.

To simplify, as far as possible, the interrelations of the forces and factors concerned, each pasture, in fact each site of each pasture, should be considered a production unit and should be managed accordingly.

We can consider each of these units as an ecosystem in which climatic factors and all organic and inorganic phases are considered.

Rainfall is of prime consideration under the climatic factors, however, the length of the growing season, humidity, wind and temperatures also are important.

The organic aspects include the livestock and wildlife, rodents, birds, insects and the sum total of the vegetation on your land.

The inorganic phases include the soil which has a potential no higher than the parent soil and climatic conditions will permit. Topography also is considered in the inorganic side of this triangular complex.

First consideration should be given to the ecosystem as it existed before the influence of man. Through the ages the range area developed in the ecosystem. Soil and vegetation developed from the beginning in relation to the long-time climatic limitations. Producer, consumer and reducer factors have always been present; through these complexes, stabilized vegetation with a high production potential developed. As the vegetation developed, the moisture, temperature, wind movements and humidity also developed in relation to the vegetation within the plant community. These climatic factors as we consider them at the vegetational levels, both above and below the surface of the soil, are considered microclimate. For one specific example, the temperature under a good clump of

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grass may be 20 to 30 degrees lower than the atmospheric temperature on a hot day. All conditions of moisture, wind movement and humidity hold a comparable relationship when vegetative cover is present. Vegetation is thus essential to create conditions for continued and improved vegetational development.

To consider the ecosystem further, man has placed livestock into it as a means of moving the energy flow of the production into his economic welfare. The maximum plant development under soil potentials and climatic limitations is considered the climax vegetation for the area. This level is a dynamic production unit and if maintained gives the highest potential range production.

On a practical basis, plants grazed in a given area may be classed as desirable, less desirable and undesirable. When the more desirable plants are removed by excessive use, the less desirable plants take over. When all of the desirable plants, as far as grazing is concerned, are forced from the area, the undesirable take over. The range thus moves from an excellent condition with maximum productivity to good or fair condition with intermediate production. Continued overuse of an area will bring about depletion and poor condition. Regression of the vegetation is usually in advance of regression of the soil but soil condition also may be depleted.

Range improvement may be brought about through proper range manage-

ment, that is good conservation practices. Improvement may be observed by the increased vigor and quantity of the more desirable species. The process of habitat improvement and the changes of plant populations toward the climax level is known ecologically as succession. Through the processes of succession, the more desirable plants replace the less desirable as growing conditions improve.

The role of range management is to establish a grazing equilibrium; this is basically a sustained production level as high in the ecosystem as possible.

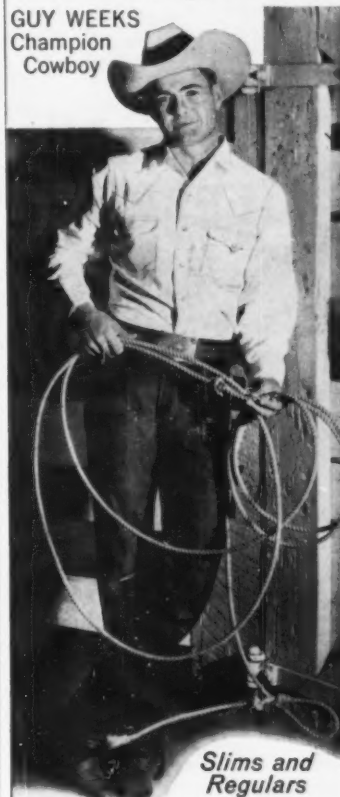
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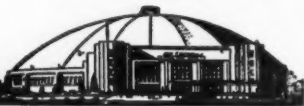
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LAST YEAR my nephew, Spavin, went to Mexico with \$10,000 and a big ambishun to raise cotton. Now he's back with two pesos, an empty tekeela bottle and a big appetite for chilli beans.

Ain't nobody on Squawberry Flat with such a load of sorrow and grief as that old cowman, Sprunt Fibble. His oldest son got caught at a simple rustlin' job and was sent to the pen. Now his youngest has started a sheep project in 4-H.

No wonder the Rooshans is actin' so fresh and uppity toward us Yanks. They read the papers and think we've used up all our bombs on schools and churches.

Nobody never learnt nothin' much less'n he had his eyes open and his mouth shut.

Conservation

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balance with forage production, some of these practices are insect and parasite control, game - animal management, rodent control, weed and brush control, reseeding, irrigation, drainage, fertilization, pitting and root-plowing, spreaders and dams.

Deferred and rotation - deferred grazing practices rank high on the list of improvement measures. A change in the class of livestock or mixed stocking may be one means of obtaining better balance of range usage without overuse. No class of livestock should be condemned as range deteriorators since the number in relation to available forage and annual potential is the important factor.

Fences in most instances have brought about confined-intensive grazing. These same fences can be used to secure proper distribution of livestock and protect areas in a managed grazing program. The abundance of clean drinking water, salting, mineral and feed supplements are important.

All management practices should thus be directed toward a high quality of healthy animals on healthy, high producing ranges, for not only the current season but for future years.

Now the safety experts say ever farmer oughta take a coffee break twice a day. Shucks! It ain't worth while to wake up even once for anything as fribblin' as coffee.

Drug companies is gettin' rich on account of nature wasn't smart enough to make the human race like burros and hired men, with built-in tranquilizers.

Skunk Sloper has sold his car. Highway Patrol ordered him never to get behind the wheel when drunk, and that left him so little time for drivin' he just gave it up.

It beats me why man should be in such a sweat to go to the moon. They's big stretches of country right here on earth that man ain't man-nidged to ruin yet.

Clay Pinkus, our town photographer, won't be makin' no more natural color portraits till next month. Says around taxpayin' time evry face photographs dead white with spots of green around the gills.

Josh Blicker is all broke up over \$10 throwed away. He sent off for a fancy book on farm mannidgement and they ain't a word in it on how to run a moonshine still.

If a feller can't think of nothin' new to tax, he's not very bright. Just about bright enough to send to the ledgislacher, I'd say.

On TV it's sometimes hard to tell the good buys from the bad guys but you can always tell which is the bad actors. All of 'em.

If you want to make a man your friend, tell him how good-lookin' and smart he is. Then say, "The drinks is on me."

The future of the world is in the hands of lazy people. Ain't enough of the other kind to make no difference.

It's plumb sinful to make the younguns learn old-fashioned rithmetick, since Einstein proved that space is curved and the politishuns proved that two and two don't hardly never make four.

The Hoss Thief Prevention Assn. prevented a pair of rustlers from Montana by stringin' 'em up to a meskett tree. They hadn't stole no hosses but they looked like they was lookin' for the chance and chances is somethin' the H.T.P.A. don't take.

Clab Huckey read in the paper that Americans spend more for dog food than for baby food and he says that after the pups and babies grow up the results sure show.

Quaf Tofer says if any punkins is left over after Hallowe'en and Thanks-givin', him and the boys will feed 'em to their hogs. Mrs. Tofer says if any

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Now a Virginia couple with six children has quadruplets to boot. Them that has gits.

Some people can borrow money successfully but most of us have to pay it back.

Len Hipple says his missis bought some fancy masheens that take all her drudgery outa wash day, but Len just drudges along from one instalment to the next.

Farm folks drive their cars all winter irregardless of slick roads. They're plumb experts at that sorta drivin'.

GREAT CHANGES NOTED IN TRANSPORTING TEXAS WOOL

DRASTIC CHANGES have occurred during recent years in the transportation of wool from Texas to manufacturing centers. Prior to 1952, practically all wool and mohair moved to eastern markets by rail, boat and sea train.

About 1953, wool and mohair was first transported from Texas in trailer trucks to the Boston area. The first two years were largely experimental, only small quantities being moved by this method.

By 1952, a portable wool baler had been developed by one of the leading transportation firms and practically all of the production that year was shipped by truck.

The baling of wool in the bag, loose grease or scoured, almost doubles the carrying capacity of the truck. Before baling, a truck could haul about 20,000 pounds. After baling as much as 35,000 to 40,000 pounds can be hauled.

Some of the more obvious advantages of trucking wool are: it is more flexible, the truck can go to the warehouse regardless of location; it provides a door-to-door service, faster than rail or sea train; and it costs less.

Truck rates in 1957 for grease or scoured wool were \$2.50 per cwt. from Texas points east of the Pecos River to the Boston area; for points west of the Pecos an additional charge of \$.25 per cwt. was made. Mohair is moved for \$2.23 and \$2.48 from these areas, respectively. A three percent transportation tax also is added to each of the above rates.

Rail rates on grease wool from San Angelo, one of the major shipping points east of the Pecos river, to the Boston area were \$3.51 per cwt. in carlots of 24,000 pounds, \$3.22 in carlots of 30,000 pounds, and \$2.95 in carlots of 40,000 pounds. Rail rate on scoured wool in the bale is \$4.98 per cwt. in 24,000-pound minimum carlots.

—R. L. Holland and
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Harry M. Coffee, Jr., of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Bertie Logan Coffee of Spearman, Texas, have sold a 2,800-acre ranch in Mora County, New Mexico, to A. MacArthur Company of Wagon Mound, New Mexico. Bedford and Maez Real Estate firm made the deal.

from long practice at skatin' on thin ice.

Phag Ubbins says he has tried evry dodge there is to scratch out a livin', but no luck. Once he even tried work, but that didn't work neither.

Reason people is so interested in outer space is because that's the only space the subdividers have left us.

Ringtail Skump is all for this new move to hold elections on Sunday 'stead of Tuesday. Says he can't think of a better excuse than the ballot box for stayin' away from church and the collection plate.

Eastern notions to the contrary notwithstanding, you can't make a westerner by puttin' a ten-gallon hat where a half-pint derby is s'posed to be.

Mrs. Sledge Wicup says civilization has reached her place at last and she now has runnin' water. That is, their well now runs dry about ever two days.

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Proper Grazing Management Means Maximum Dollar Income

By JERRY JOHNSON

THE MAIN objective of a range livestock enterprise from a rancher's standpoint is sustained maximum livestock production together with sustained maximum dollar income. This objective can be realized only when forage production on the range is maintained at a maximum level. The basic requirement for forage production maintenance and continued improvement is proper management of grazing. Ranges can be improved by artificial methods such as reseeding, weed and brush control and similar cultural measures, but in most cases these methods cannot be used economically on large areas. Furthermore, once the range is improved by these methods, maintenance of range production still depends on proper grazing management.

The Safeguards

Proper grazing management insures a safeguard for grasses. Grazing animals will eradicate the best plants unless more of them are available than the stock can eat. Proper management practices will guarantee that a satisfactory amount of these better grasses is left to insure a restocking of the range. In rangeland where all of better grasses have been depleted, the rancher may find it necessary to reseed artificially the first year. After these grasses have been allowed to get a start, they can be increased in abundance by proper grazing management.

Management and Drouth

Proper grazing management not only aids in the restoration of rangeland but also protects the land from serious losses due to adverse climatic

conditions. Some of the major adversaries that ranchmen are plagued with are the unpredictable conditions of nature. The most common of these conditions is drouth. Ranges that are covered with a variety of vigorous grasses and an ample shield of litter are in a much better condition to meet the inevitable drouths than are the ranges that have been depleted of their natural vegetation by improper grazing management. Usually, however, drouth alone does not destroy ranges completely unless it is accompanied by poor management of grazing. Ben Osborn, of the Soil Conservation Service, shows conclusive evidence of what drouths of 1947 and 1948 did to the forage yield near San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Osborn's statement is:

This is on an area that has not been grazed, and therefore reflects only the effects of drouth conditions and not the result of injury from overgrazing. The over-all composition and density of the protected area has changed slightly but not seriously during the drouth. Total density of the stand dropped about 10 percent in 1946 and has remained about the same since. Vigor of the plants remains good and the ground is well protected. The plants made some green growth early in April.

Grazing management has to be flexible to avoid killing the good grasses during dry weather. According to Mr. Osborn:

A shift from the mid grasses like sideoats grama to the short sod-grasses which are more drouth-resistant but less protective is evident. Sideoats grama made up 15 percent of the total cover in March, 1946, 7 percent in 1947, and 4 percent in 1948. Curly mesquite and buffalo-grass made up 57 percent of the composition in 1946, 65 percent in 1947, and 55 percent in 1948. Texas wintergrass

declined from 22 percent in 1946 to 15 percent in 1947, then increased by establishment of new seedlings last fall to 30 percent of the composition this spring.

This decline in abundance of the better grasses, due to drouth, can result in a complete absence of these grasses if the drouth is accompanied by poor grazing management. There are various measures that a ranchman may employ in order to practice proper grazing management.

System in Grazing

One of the measures that a ranchman may apply in restoring and retaining his range is to adopt some system of grazing. Grasses of the range should be considered as a crop which must not only produce the forage used during the current season but also be in condition to produce a good crop the following season. In planning a grazing program, it is necessary to consider not only the needs of the livestock which will be using the area but also the needs of the grass and other forage plants, and the physical conditions of the land. Restricted grazing is almost imperative on severely depleted ranges or on ranges where erosion and soil losses have been serious. If the better grasses are expected to increase in competition with undesirable species, rest periods are essential. Of the various systems of grazing, deferred grazing is one of the most effective. This system is of particular value as a means of aiding the recovery and increase of desirable forage plants on depleted ranges. Under this practice, the livestock are withheld from a portion of the range during the first part of the growing season. This permits the forage plants to regain their vigor and to produce a seed crop. After the seed has matured, the range may be grazed. In order to obtain the best results from this system of grazing, it is usually desirable to defer grazing on the same range two years in succession. This eliminates the danger of young seedlings being pulled out of the ground.

Rotation Grazing

Another system of grazing which closely relates to deferred grazing is rotational grazing. In this system the division of large range areas into smaller units and rotation of their use



Jerry Johnson and Richard Hamby

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Jerry Johnson, son of Mrs. Lovelle Mickel of Eldorado, Texas, won the Senior College essay contest award of the Texas Society of Range Management. He competed with contestants of all other major Texas colleges. Much of his article, herewith, is from actual observation on the range and reinforced with his studies at the San Angelo College. He plans to put his knowledge into practice on his own

Schleicher County ranch. Now studying range management at Sul Ross College, he plans to enter Texas A. & M. next year to get a Master's Degree in this subject.

Richard Hamby, formerly of San Angelo and now living at Midland, won the Junior award of the Society. His article will appear in a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

VESTAL TO HEAD FORT WORTH SHEEP AND LAMB SHOWS

JOHNNIE VESTAL of Armour and Company in Fort Worth again will head the sheep and junior lamb departments at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

The exposition is scheduled January 30 through February 8 in Fort Worth.

J. B. Payne, a vocational agriculture supervisor from Stephenville, Texas, will assist Vestal. Both men have been associated with the Fort Worth show for many years.

Judging in the junior lamb show will begin at 8:00 A.M., Saturday, January 31. Only exhibitors who are members of a Texas FFA or 4-H Club

can enter lambs in the junior show. The open lamb show is scheduled February 1.

Corriedale, Shropshire and Dorset sheep will go into the judging ring February 2 and Hampshire, Cheviot and Montadale sheep on February 3. Judging of Southdown and Suffolk sheep will begin February 4, with Rambouillet and Delaine-Merino the next day.

Prizes in the open show will total \$6,000 and in addition, \$1,125 will be awarded in the junior lamb show. Special prizes also will be given by various groups.

are the management practices under which the benefits of deferred grazing may be obtained on separate units each season, and eventually over the entire range. The system of grazing adopted by the rancher will be determined by the economy with which the system can be put into practice on his particular operation. Regardless of which system a rancher chooses, he should put some systematic method of grazing into practice. The restoration of range land to its natural condition depends to a great extent upon this particular phase of conservation.

Grazing Distribution

There are many types of conservation which should be observed by the "range conscious" rancher. Another phase of proper grazing management that should be recognized is grazing distribution. One of the most important features of range conservation is to maintain a proper distribution of grazing animals so that localized areas are not overgrazed while other sections of the same range are undergrazed. Overgrazing of local areas will result if watering facilities and salt are not distributed adequately over the pastures. Also the number of animal units in a pasture must be considered with regard to the amount of forage the pasture produces. Avoidance of stocking range lands beyond their grazing capacity is a major prerequisite in maintaining such areas in maximum forage production for livestock feed and erosion control. If a vast majority of a land's natural vegetation is absent, it must be allowed time not only to catch up but also to get ahead. A grazing load that is suitable for a pasture during normal years usually will be entirely too heavy for the same pasture during drouth years. The number of animals must be reduced during severe drouths to the extent that they will not graze the range beyond a point where rapid recovery can be expected when conditions again become normal. This is just another one of the practices required to restore range to its natural condition.

Cover

One of the natural conditions of range land that is affected greatly by proper grazing management is the land's natural ability to conserve water. In a country where rainfall is sparse and infrequent, water is always important. All the rain that falls on

range land is needed for the production of grass and should be held on the land and should be held at the point where it falls, if possible. A cover of grass is the best means of preventing water loss through run-off. A well developed root system of grasses also permits the water to penetrate far down into the soil. If a range has been almost exhausted of its natural vegetation, the rancher must not only practice proper grazing management but also must allow the land to regain a cover of litter. Left-over grass is not wasted. When it settles on the ground, it provides an effective shield against the cutting force of falling rain. It also shades and cools the ground and cuts down evaporation. It finally disintegrates into humus and becomes a part of the topsoil, giving tilth and providing food to teeming millions of soil organisms that have to be fed so they can provide ideal growing and feeding conditions for grass roots. Litter keeps the soil in good condition; water cannot get into the soil effectively without a filter of left-over grass to let it in. Care must be taken to avoid overuse of grass, particularly in winter when litter and grass stubble cover are lowest. The resistant litter and grass stubble are undermined by exhaustive grazing, and less resistant plants are substituted for the good ones. All of these conservation methods must be applied if the rancher is to obtain returns from his range.

The Rewards for Proper Management

There are several types of returns that a rancher can expect from his land by the application of proper grazing management. One of the main advantages of proper grazing management is the resulting increase in livestock gains. According to H. B. Holmes, of the Highland Soil Conservation District, Marfa, Texas:

When I asked for assistance from our district five years ago, Soil Conservation Service technicians helped me make a thorough analysis of the grass, soil and water on my ranch. When we finished I decided to reduce my breeding herd of 230 cows which I was running on my eight-section ranch to about 180 head. At first I doubted if my calf weights would increase because I was already selling 420-pound calves. However, I sold 30 cows

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January 5

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P.M.—Judging Registered
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January 6

A.M.—Registered Quarter Horse
Mares at Halter

P.M.—Registered Junior and
Senior Quarter Horse Reining

January 7

A.M.—Registered Quarter Horse
Stallions and Geldings at
Halter

P.M.—Registered Junior and Senior
Quarter Horse Cutting

January 8

A.M.—Judging Hereford Club Steers

January 9

A.M.—Judging Registered Herefords

P.M.—Registered Quarter Horse
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January 10

A.M.—Auction of Club Steers and
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Sand Hills Hereford, Quarter Horse and Rambouillet Show

THE SAND Hills Livestock Show will be bigger than ever this year, according to Cal Smith, president, and Hubert Martin, secretary of the show. Bill Hale, superintendent of the Quarter Horse Division, said he expects to have over 150 entries in his division and this will put the show in Class A.

The Quarter Horse Division is approved by the American Quarter Horse Association. The Quarter Horse Association of West Texas will hold the first sale in connection with the show on January 9. There are nice premiums in all classes and the open cutting has a purse of \$2,000.

Joe Lane, Superintendent of the Hereford Division, said the show is open to the world, however, the Texas Hereford Association will award points toward the Lone Star Register of Merit to Texas winners in the Registered Hereford Breeding Cattle Division. The last Sand Hills show had 150 Registered Breeding Cattle and 195 Hereford Club Steers shown in three classes, heavy, medium and light. Hereford authorities say it was the best group of cattle seen on the

spring show circuit, and they expect even more and better stock this year.

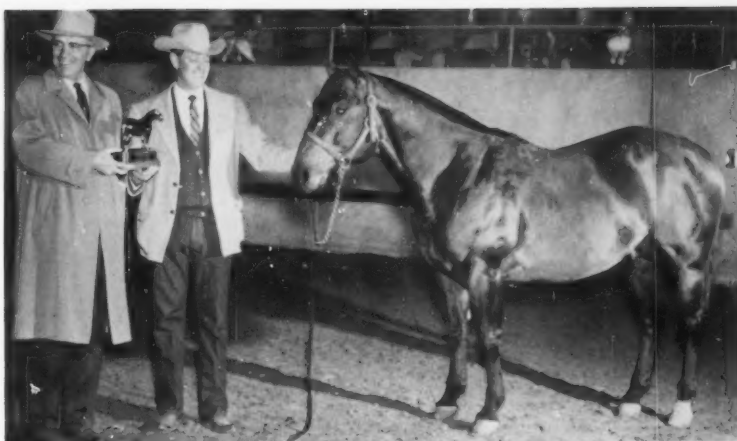
W. M. Day, County Agent, Rankin, Texas, is superintendent of the Rambouillet Sheep division of the show and he also expects a greater number of entries this year. The sheep, both registered breeding sheep and club lambs, will be judged on Monday, January 5.

World's Championship Rodeo

There will be a rodeo every night at 8:00 put on by the Beutler Brothers, the nation's foremost rodeo producers and livestock contractors. They are engaged for the country's largest rodeo sports spectacles, including the National Western, Denver; the Southwestern Exposition, Ft. Worth; Cheyenne's Frontier Days, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and many others.

Rex Allen Guest Star

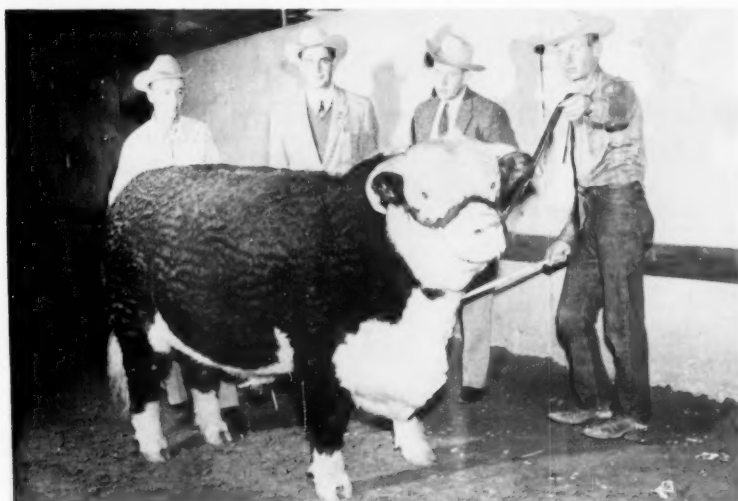
Guest star of the show this year is the famous Rex Allen and his western singing troupe. Bill Hale says that Rex Allen is the top western star in his book because he was raised on the ranch and is a real for sure bonafide cowboy.



KING'S PISTOL, 1958 Grand Champion QH Stallion. Jim Calhoun, owner, and Howard K. Linger (left), secretary, American Quarter Horse Association.



GRAND CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET RAM of the Sand Hills 1958 Show, owned by James Mann, Big Lake, Texas, and bred by Miles Pierce, Alpine.



CHAMPION HEREFORD BULL of the 1958 Odessa Show was Tex Royal Zato, 32,92465590, owned by Alex Born & Sons, Follert, Texas. L. to R. in the picture are Alex Born, Joe Lane (Supt.), Frank Wilson (judge), and Harry Born.

BILL HALE

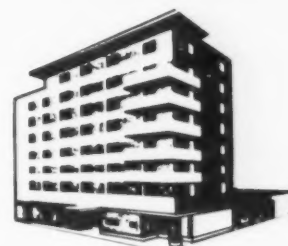
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ODESSA, world's largest oil field supply center and "America's Newest Industrial Frontier," has grown from a town of 3,958 people in 1930 to a thriving city of 80,000. It is growing at the rate of 1,000 people per month and it is expected to reach a population of over 100,000 by 1960. This increase is due to the expansion of the oil industry and the increasing number of chemical and manufacturing plants in the city.

\$32 Million Synthetic Rubber And Butadiene Plants

The Odessa Butadiene Company was organized for the purpose of building the \$22 million butadiene plant on the southeastern outskirts of Odessa. Butadiene, a colorless and odorless liquid, is a basic product in the production of synthetic rubber. It is produced from butane, a liquid hydrocarbon, which is a by-product of natural gas.

The new butadiene plant will produce 50,000 tons per year, enough to make 66 million passenger car tires.

General Tire and Rubber Company has invested a total of \$10 million in the new synthetic rubber plant, and furnished it with up-to-the-minute production equipment. It will be able to turn out 40,000 long tons of synthetic annually with provisions made for a doubling of capacity.

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all other synthetic rubber plants, the new copolymer facility at Odessa combines the ability to produce in a continuous stream with a unique versatility.

Operating day and night, a continuous stream of raw materials enters the plant at one end, to leave as bales of synthetic rubber at the other end.

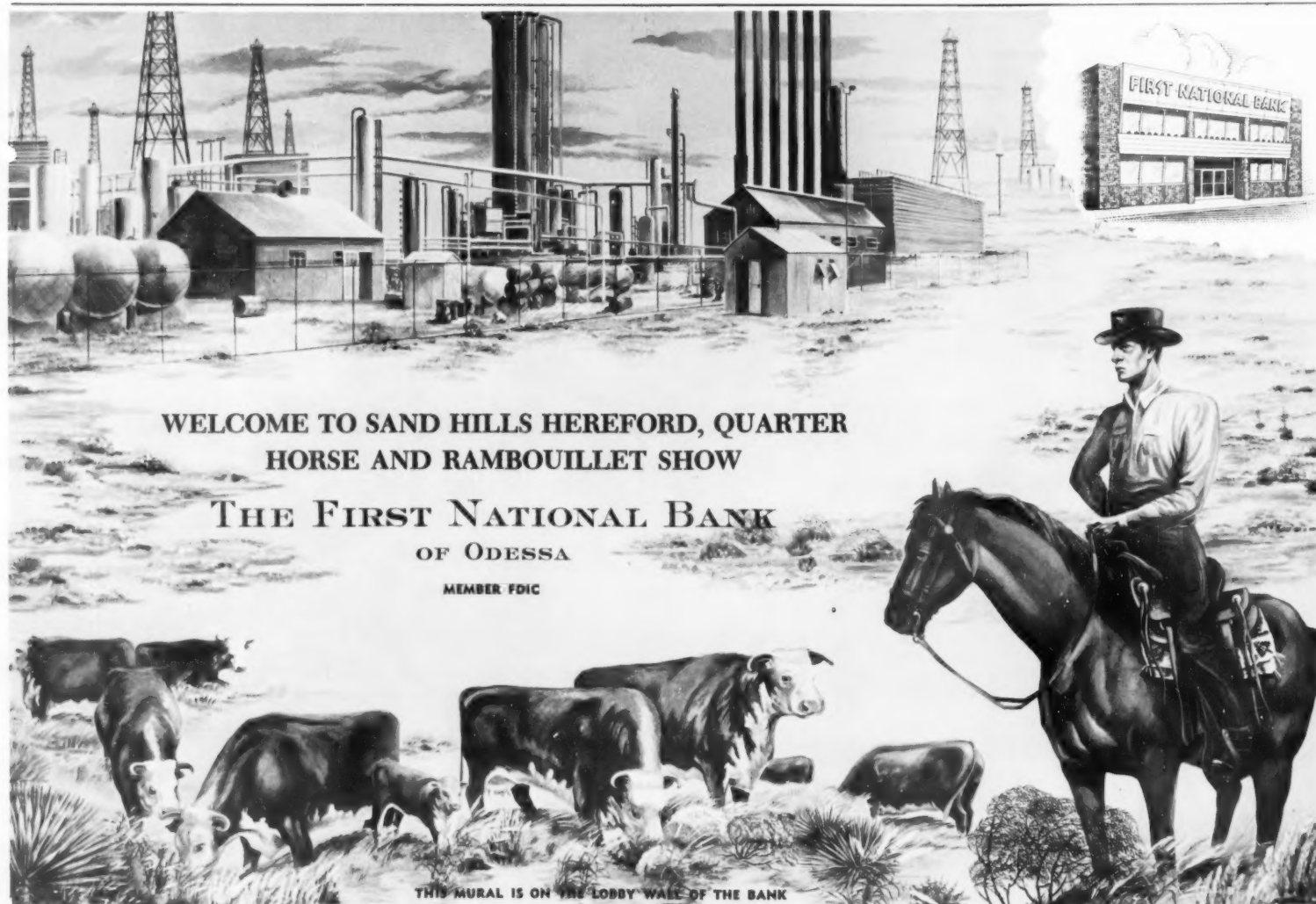
Paul Kayser, President of the El Paso Natural Gas Company (majority owner), and William O'Neil, President of the General Tire and Rubber Company, both anticipate a bright future for Odessa as the center of a new era in modern manufacturing.

Mr. Kayser foresees the two integrated plants, the nation's first privately financed and first completely integrated synthetic rubber operation, as the beginning of an important new element in West Texas industrial development.

New Professional Tower For Odessa

The Professional Tower of Odessa, a structure designed to provide superior rental space for the Medical Arts and allied services, will present a completely new concept in building in the Permian Basin and Greater Southwest. It will follow the lines as used by Universal Corporation — in Metal-Glass Facade — and incorporates the latest Bio-Climatic Science as seen in Statler Hilton of Dallas, General Petroleum Building of Los Angeles, California, and many others.

This glamorous new building will be located across the street from the hospital. The ground floor will consist of rental spaces to furnish com-



plete service to tenants and clients. This will include a Barber and Beauty Shop, Florist Shop, Pharmacies, a Maternity Shop, Gift, Book Store, General Drug, Orthopedic Appliance Center, including special shoe fabrication, Optical Manufacturing on prescription basis, Cafe and Cafeteria, laundry and dry cleaning pick-up service, a clothing and uniform supply center, insurance office, physiotherapy, dental laboratory and an all-night snack bar.

Two floors of the Professional Tower will be reserved for out-of-town patients and their families, or out-patients from the hospital who find it necessary to remain overnight or longer for further treatment.

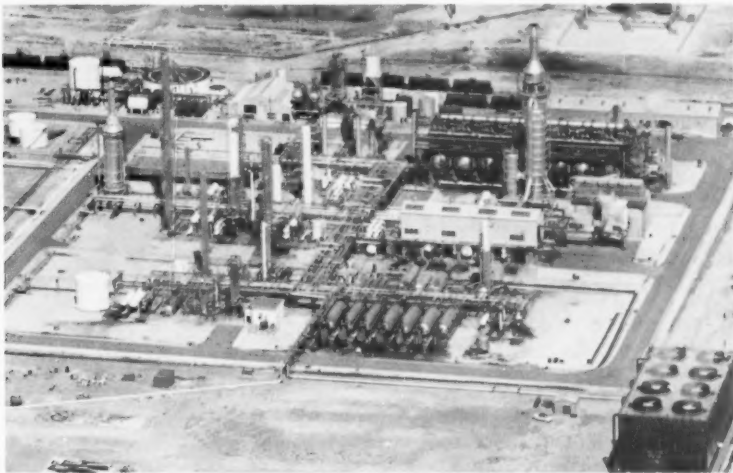
This modern building will provide all the necessary facilities for a self-contained city within a city.

Prairies which stood empty and barren only a few years ago have been transformed into a city of beautiful homes, many smart shopping centers, paved streets, schools, churches, and industrial plants, such as the Carbon Black plant, the world's largest; three sulphur plants; five casinghead gasoline plants manufacturing gasoline, butane, propane and other products.

With all this growth, Odessa has kept a steady balance. Prices in the stores are not high, in fact, some are much lower than in other West Texas cities. Some of the stores were established by men who were ranchers themselves. Many of you will remember T. L. Miller who was a cowpoke in the Big Bend, and whose family founded Millersview. T. L. Miller later opened the first T. L. Miller jewelry store, two of which are located



Modern Professional Tower of Odessa being constructed directly across the street from the Hospital will provide superior rental space for the medical arts and allied services. It will have, in addition to office space, a cafe, two floors of auto parking; an exclusive Penthouse Club with swimming pool, for Professionals and Tenants.



This is the 50,000 ton per year plant of the Odessa Butadiene Company, integrated with the synthetic rubber plant of the General Tire and Rubber Company. This plant will produce enough butadiene per year to make 66 million passenger car tires.

The hospital with 180 beds is constructing an addition with 240 beds, which will catapult Odessa into the forefront as a leading West Texas medical center.

Major Trading Center

In the past 7½ years \$116 million have been spent for building over 6900 homes and 844 business buildings. With the addition of all these to Odessa, which originally obtained its major income from the livestock industry, it has become the major trading center of the vast West Texas area and features services for the ranch people as well as the oil industry.

Up and down Odessa's busy streets you'll find men who wear cowboy boots and broad-brimmed hats every day of the year. These ranchmen own most of the surface of the Permian Basin grassland and devote much of their time to improvements of their herds and land.

The annual Sand Hills Hereford, Quarter Horse and Rambouillet Show is dedicated to the ranchman and his livestock—keys to the early development of the Southwest.

Ranchmen from all over Central and West Texas, learning about the sleek suburbs, and smart, new shopping centers which are stocked with the best merchandise that can be bought, are going to Odessa to do most of their shopping.

in Odessa. The present owner, Dolph Miller, fed, showed and judged livestock during his school years and still works with the industry. It is people like these, truly interested in the ranchmen as well as the oil industry, that have helped make Odessa the popular shopping center it is today.



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Beneath the surface of this dry and

shifting sand lies water, pure and sweet, and in some places the wind has opened the sand and a pool of clear water lies exposed to the clear, blue sky. In other places you have only to dig down in the dry sand a foot or two with your hands at the base of the hills and wait a little while for the water to seep in and fill your miniature well.

Plant and animal life have adapted themselves to the peculiar environment of the sand hills. In spots oak trees 10 to 24 inches tall grow, heavily loaded with acorns, along side grass three to four feet tall. There are hundreds of wild flowers growing in some sections of the park and when in full bloom, blanket the dunes with

Monahans Sand Hills State Park Museum, above and below, enjoys the peace and solitude of the desert. There is always a quiet valley beyond the next hill where the sands lie quiet and rippling, pure as if no one had ever set foot upon them. If you like, while in the park, you can take a jeep ride on the crests of the dunes and straight down into the troughs, a ride you will long remember.

myriad colors, beautiful beyond description.

You can enjoy a ride through the dunes on horseback or in a jeep, especially built to drive through the sand. The jeep ride is quite thrilling and exciting and much like a roller coaster ride. Driving through the dunes, you feel that you must have been transported by magic carpet to the great deserts of North Africa.

The museum in the park is new and in the growing stage. In it will be preserved and interpreted the natural history; the evidences of primitive men which continue to be found; the arts, sciences and crafts of men now gone and men to come to these crossroads on the sands of time. Robert G. Larson, manager of the Monahans Sand Hills State Park and director of the Sand Hills Museum, has great plans for the park. Plans are under way for a true western type city to be constructed in the park and one building has just been finished. These buildings in the western town will house the many things that normally

go into a museum. Mr. Larson believes there will be more interest in them when they are shown in their natural place of use.

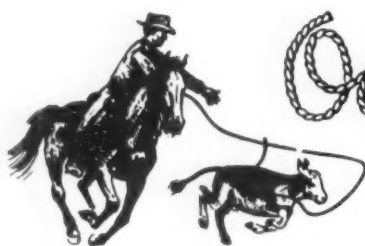
In the building just finished, which is a very old one moved into the park and renovated as a replica of a saloon of Judge Roy Bean's days, only soft drinks will be served, and there is a mechanical music machine in it that plays five or six instruments. It is played off the old piano roll type roller and songs are all of the bygone days of the old saloon.

Mr. Larson said, "We hope eventually to cover thoroughly a period dating back to the Stone Age Indian of the lower Pecos River up through the Spanish era, the buffalo hunters, Indian fighters, trail drivers, ranchers, railroaders, irrigators, and finally, the modern oil industry. The accomplishment of this program will represent much time and effort, but I feel confident that Sand Hills Park and Museum will grow in beauty, prominence, and importance."

Many of you will enjoy a visit to the park when you are in Odessa for the Sand Hills Hereford, Quarter Horse and Rambouillet Show. The park is open every day until 7:00 P.M. On Saturday and Sunday the concessions open at 9:00 A.M. and the park gates close at 9:00 P.M.

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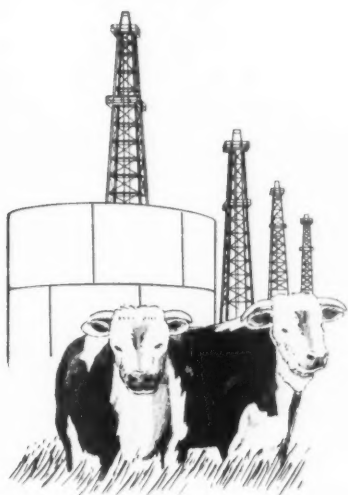
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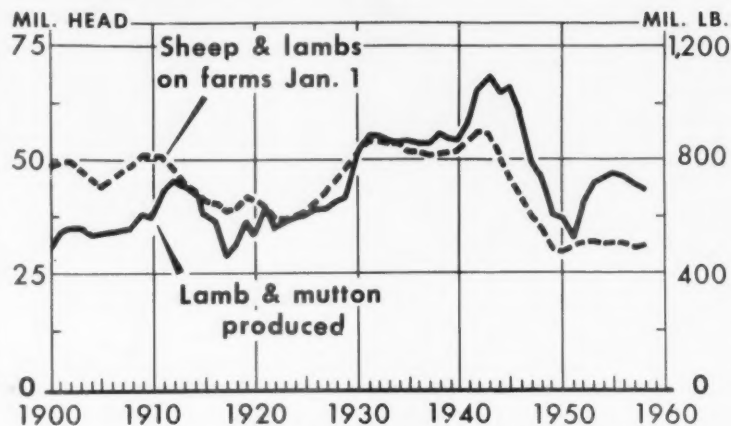
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	1,000 head	Million pounds		1,000 head	Million pounds		1,000 head	Million pounds
1900	48,105	493	1920	40,743	538	1940	52,107	876
1901	49,101	546	1921	39,479	639	1941	53,980	923
1902	49,236	564	1922	38,922	553	1942	56,213	1,042
1903	47,536	563	1923	36,803	588	1943	55,150	1,104
1904	45,458	538	1924	37,139	597	1944	50,782	1,024
1905	43,825	530	1925	38,543	603	1945	46,520	1,054
1906	45,525	543	1926	40,363	639	1946	42,362	968
1907	47,260	553	1927	42,415	689	1947	37,498	799
1908	48,195	559	1928	45,258	663	1948	34,337	747
1909	50,793	608	1929	48,381	682	1949	30,943	603
1910	50,239	597	1930	51,565	825	1950	29,826	597
1911	50,555	693	1931	53,233	885	1951	30,633	521
1912	47,897	735	1932	53,902	884	1952	31,982	648
1913	44,652	706	1933	53,054	852	1953	31,900	729
1914	43,089	693	1934	53,503	851	1954	31,356	734
1915	40,513	605	1935	51,808	877	1955	31,582	758
1916	40,010	585	1936	51,136	854	1956	31,273	741
1917	38,886	463	1937	50,848	852	1957	30,840	707
1918	39,664	506	1938	51,063	897	1958	31,328	685
1919	41,875	590	1939	51,348	872			

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Season's Greetings

Christmas
1958

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The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON



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Lemley and Taylor have brought in hundreds of cows from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota. Their biggest difficulty has been in finding cows bred to calve early enough for West Texas conditions. In most of the states farther north, cattlemen like later calves.

What are ranchmen saying about the current cow prices?

"One evident thing is that the more progressive ranchmen don't complain about price if quality is good," said Lemley. He has had more difficulty selling medium-quality cattle at any price than in selling top cows at a high price. He said most ranchmen seem to feel that buying any kind of cows now is a big investment, and only good quality can justify the cost.

Lemley does not believe cow prices are out of line, in relation to the old rule of thumb about two calves paying for the cow. Most calves this fall averaged \$150 or more, he said. Two such calves is \$300.

W. H. Martin is another local livestock buyer who has handled some cows lately, trying to take up some of the slack caused by the dull sheep-trading season. Like Lemley, he said it had been hard to find good cows for sale. He has brought in some from New Mexico and Kansas. Most of his have run in the \$240 to \$275 bracket.

San Angelo auction runs during November were made up primarily of cleanup cattle. Prices were generally steady from the end of October, when many classes of cattle had weakened. Auction reports at the end of Novem-

NOVEMBER WAS a fairly quiet month in the West Texas cattle picture. Very few fall calf contracts were left undelivered. Those in November were mostly small, of the trailer and half-truckload variety, the "short short" calves, as one buyer put it. It was strictly a cleanup proposition.

There was still some importation of lightweight Southern calves, at much slower rate than prevailed earlier in the fall. Prices on these remained steady to stronger. One set of such light calves was contracted back some time ago for November delivery at \$65 per head. Not too long ago the contract was sold at \$95. And just a few days before delivery, the calves were sold another time for \$105.

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In the picture, from the left is Jack Jolly, Sales Manager, and Ed Schonrock, General Manager of the trailer company; Edwards County Agent, H. G. Haby, and Wittenburg.

ber showed some classes up about \$1 from what they had been late in October. There was one sticky period in November, along toward the middle of the month. It showed more on central markets than it did in San Angelo.

Here's a typical late-November auction report from San Angelo: Fat bulls, \$22 to \$24.50 cwt. (note that they are only \$1.50 to \$2.50 cheaper than fat calves), medium \$19 to \$22; fat calves and yearlings, \$24 to \$27, medium \$22 to \$24, plain \$18 to \$22; fat cows, \$18 to \$20.50, canners and cutters \$12 to \$18; stocker steer calves, \$21 to \$34; stocker heifer calves, \$20 to \$31; stocker cows, \$17 to \$21; cows and calves, \$185 to \$300 per pair.

There were some vague whispers about feelers already being out in a place or two for contracts on next year's calf crop in herds of real reputation. In most cases these calves are just now hitting the ground. But there was no indication that any trades had been made or would be made. It would be rankest speculation to try to place a price on next fall's deliveries this early.

For what it is worth, however, economists of the Department of Agriculture released a statement in November that they expected cattle prices to hold up well through 1959, although they look for a bad break in hogs. Production of both cattle and hogs is increasing. But a completely different price picture is in store because of the difference in life cycles of the animals. It takes two years to

produce a steak, but it's only six months or so from farrowing house to butcher shop. Cattle price cycles are much slower.

USDA stated that the usual severe cyclical break in cattle prices is still some distance away. It expects per capita supply of beef in 1959 to be 80.5 pounds, only moderately less than the 85.4-pound record in 1954 and far above the 56 pounds to which consumption fell in 1951 before the last price break cycle began.

USDA said ranchmen should find great price strength in feeder and breeder cattle because of the abundance of cheap feed.

Demand for registered cows has picked up considerably in recent weeks after lagging behind that of commercial cattle all year, said Milt Miller of Brady, field man for the American Angus Association.

He said demand for registered bulls was good all year. Ranchmen were rebuilding their herds with commercial cows and heifers and needed the bulls. But only lately have they been paying much attention to registered cows.

"Now people are realizing that calves are bringing a good price, and there's money to be made in registered cattle again," he commented.

For examples, he pointed to a registered Angus cow sale in Brookshire which brought a \$400 average on cows. And the Hill Country Angus Sale in Fredericksburg reached average of \$334 on Angus females.

Bulls in the Fredericksburg sale, 35 of them, averaged \$530 per head.

It was a large increase over the previous year.

Top price was \$1,275, paid by Adolph Stieler of Comfort for the champion bull from M. H. Kurtz & Son of Winters. Stieler bought 10 females for total of \$3,800.

In the Hill Country Hereford Association sale at Mason, 46 single bulls averaged \$677 per head, 21 bulls in pens \$534 and all 67 bulls \$629. That overall average was \$218 better than the one last year.

Top bull price was \$1,825, paid by Muir Ranch of Aledo for a bull from J. E. Epperson of Cherokee.

Arthur Henderson of San Angelo got some replacement Angus cows from Canada. He bought 20 heifer yearlings, 19 two-year-old heifers with three baby calves already on the ground and seven bulls, all from the C. C. and D. C. Matthews Highland Stockfarms near Calgary.

That merely shows how far some ranchmen will go to be able to restock with real high-quality cows.

The Highland Hereford Association has succeeded in its drive to get Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties named a modified certified brucellosis-free area. It is the first such area in Texas to receive this official federal clearance.

Over about two months' time, approximately 13,000 cattle were blood-tested in the three counties.

Many other counties and county groups have begun showing a lively

interest in a bangs campaign which would make it easier for them to move their cattle in interstate commerce. A lot of pressure is building for a state law.

Pricewise, November wasn't one of the strongest months for sheep. They were a little soft in October, and they continued to weaken some during November.

There was very little country trading. Most ranches were already pretty well cleaned up for winter. Ranchmen continued to haul in trailerloads of cleanup ewes, lambs and what not, and took a little less money for them. The big fall movement of lambs was already over, of course.

Most sheep on grainfields were in strong hands for the time being. Lots of grain isn't quite as good as it was last year, but most of it is strong enough to take care of the sheep on it.

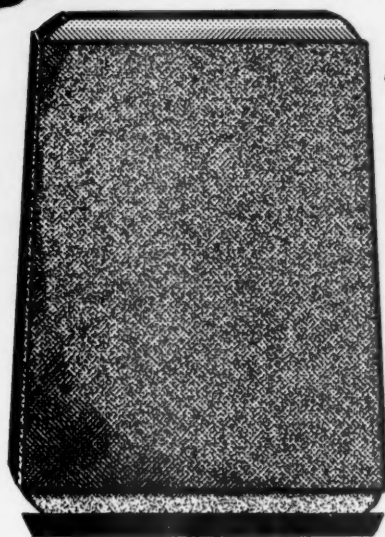
A typical San Angelo sheep auction report at the end of October was about as follows: Old bucks, \$6.50 to \$8.50 cwt.; old ewes, \$7 to \$8.50; clipped muttons, \$17 to \$18.50; fat spring lambs, \$21 to \$21.50; stocker lambs, \$21 to \$24; yearling ewes, \$21 to \$25 per head; stocker ewes, \$10 to \$17.50 per head.

At the end of November it was this way: Old bucks, \$7 to \$8 cwt.; old ewes, \$7.50 to \$9; yearling muttons, \$16 to \$17.50; fat lambs, \$20 to \$22; stocker lambs, \$21 to \$23.50; buck lambs, \$17 to \$19; yearling ewes, \$20 to \$22 per head; stocker ewes, \$12.50 to \$18 per head.

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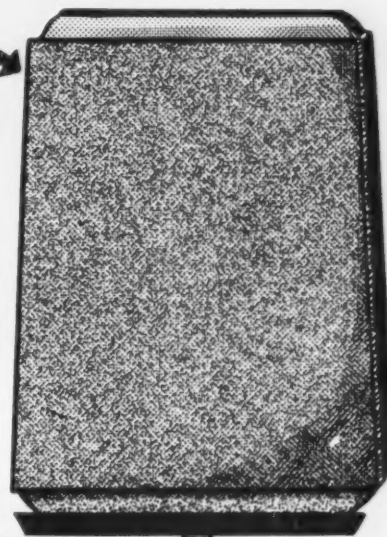


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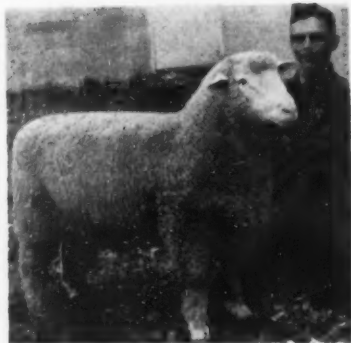
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By R. D. FOUTS

(Conclusion of a series of articles
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1. Does your wife own any insurance on your life? Do your children?
2. Is any of your life insurance arranged to save estate taxes?

Under present law if life insurance is owned by someone other than the insured the proceeds are exempt from estate tax when the insured dies, even though the insured pays the premiums. However, it is possible that the owner may die before the insured. Unless adequate provision is made, the policy ownership may revert to the insured and become taxable in his estate. This will defeat the original purpose of this method of purchase. If the policy is thereafter disposed of by gift, a gift tax may be payable. Fortunately, proper estate planning permits arrangements to prevent this avoidable situation.

3. Are there any policies on your life not owned by you and in which a person or a business other than the owner is named beneficiary?

Many life insurance policies have been purchased on the life of the husband with the wife as owner-applicant, but naming a child or other third party as beneficiary. Although the proceeds of this policy are exempt from estate tax at the death of the insured, they may be subject to a gift tax. This is on the theory that each premium payment has been a gift from the owner to the beneficiary, and thus made the proceeds at death available to someone other than the owner.

4. Do you know under what circumstances your wife and children may not receive all the life insurance you leave them?

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Also, under sections 6324 and 6901 (h) of the Internal Revenue

Code, if the Federal estate tax has not been paid, the government itself can collect the tax from any beneficiary of insurance which has been included in your gross estate.

If it is not desired that life insurance proceeds or other property passing outside the will be burdened with the estate tax, it is imperative that the contrary direction for the payment of the tax be included in your will and that other funds be made available.

Some Questions About Gifts

1. Are you taking full advantage of your right to make gifts?
2. Do you know that you can transfer assets from your highest estate tax bracket to the lowest gift tax bracket?
3. Do you know that you may increase your own income and that of your children as the result of gifts?

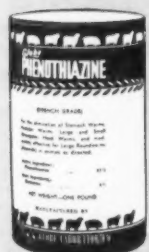
The use of gifts has become increasingly popular both to reduce estate taxes and to increase spendable income. The need for a larger after-income-tax-dollar — more money to spend — is, however, the greatest motivating factor in influencing more and more persons to make lifetime gifts.

Gifts of \$3,000.00 may be made to any number of persons every year. This is known as the annual exclusion and no gift tax return need be filed. With the written consent of the spouse filed with the Treasury Department, the gift can be increased to \$6,000.00 per person per year. If the

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The late Roy Kothmann, shown in the framed portrait, was honored in a ceremony in which his widow, Mrs. Kothmann of San Antonio, was presented with the beautiful portrait. The Frio County Farm Bureau was represented by T. J. Gilliam and Warren Wood.

Late Roy Kothmann Honored In Frio County Ceremony

IN A ceremony on October 29 at Pearsall in Frio County, the Farm Bureau paid tribute to the late Roy Kothmann, founder of the Frio Livestock Sales Company and leader in many activities in the livestock industry. The tribute took the form of a large portrait of the late Mr. Kothmann by Farm Bureau executive, Tom Gilliam. Warren Wood, County Agent, made the presentation speech, in part as follows:

"Mrs. Kothmann, we, as members of the Frio County Farm Bureau, wish to present to you this picture, assuring you that each of us will have a fond memory as we pass this in the hall here at the Frio Livestock Sales Company. Mr. Tom Gilliam will present you with the picture. We wish at this time to express our appreciation for all Mr. Kothmann did and what you and your family are continuing to do."

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Your Estate

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gift is not made in any year, it is lost forever.

In addition, there is a \$30,000.00 lifetime exemption. All or any part of this can be used up in one or more years. The government must be notified, but there is still no tax due. Again, with the written consent of the spouse, the gift can be doubled to \$60,000.00 without incurring any gift tax liability.

Community property can be changed to separate property in the hands of a spouse by one spouse making gifts to the other. One-half of the value of the gift plus the amount of the annual exclusion, in addition to the lifetime exemption (if not previously used), is not subject to a gift tax.

In a taxable estate of \$600,000.00, the top estate tax bracket is 35%. By making a gift of \$60,000 in which the spouses join, and using the total lifetime exemption of both of them, there is an estate tax saving of \$21,000.00.

After the lifetime exemption has been used up, annual tax-free gifts can still be made not to exceed the annual exclusion. In addition, it may be advisable to further reduce the estate by making taxable gifts. For example, in the \$600,000.00 taxable estate, where parents have used up their lifetime exemptions but not their annual exclusions of \$3,000.00 each, gifts of \$20,000.00 to each of three children will result in an estate tax saving of a net \$20,347.00.

To determine the amount of the gift tax it is assumed that each parent makes a gift of \$10,000.00 to each child. Using the annual exclusion of \$3,000.00, the taxable portion of the gift by each parent to each child will be \$7,000.00, resulting in a gift tax of \$217.50 on each taxable portion. Each parent's total tax will amount to three times \$217.50, or \$652.50. Thus the total gift tax for both parents will be only \$1,305.00, if there have been no prior taxable gifts.

The tax on gifts in future years, however, will be larger as the law provides that the gift tax is applied to the cumulative total of all taxable gifts

made since the enactment of the Gift Tax Law in June, 1932, with subtraction of the amount equal to the gift tax computed at present rates on the previous gift.

There are many ways to save money by giving property away. One is the short-term (ten years) family trust to which property is assigned, the income from which is used for support and educational purposes of children. The income may be taxable, but the children's tax bracket is generally much lower than that of their parents. Another method is the temporary (two years) trust, the income from which will be given to a church, educational organization or hospital. At the termination of both types of trusts, the property reverts to the donors. Family partnerships, the partners including children, are becoming very popular as means of reducing income taxes as well as estate taxes.

For taxpayers in the high brackets with income from oil production, it is possible for annual gifts to charity to result in actually increasing the after-income-tax spendable dollars available to the donor.

As stated in the introduction to this article, man's greatest problem is that of getting the most long-run value out of the dollar after he acquires it. With the help of competent estate planning counsel it may be possible to create spendable dollars where none existed before and, at your death, pass to those you love more of the dollar values you have accumulated.

Taxes, both income and estate, with the resultant needs for estate liquidity, have reached the point where savings resulting from intelligently directed estate planning are well worth any taxpayer's time.

CHAROLAIS SALE SET FOR SAN ANTONIO FEBRUARY 18, 1959

THE TEXAS Charolais and Charolais-Cross Sales Corporation will sponsor another consignment sale during the San Antonio Livestock Exposition on the Coliseum grounds, according to G. A. Morris, Corporation President. The sale has been set for 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 18, 1959.

Approximately 40 animals, males and females, from Texas' leading Charolais herds, will be sold. Blood percentages will vary from ¾ Charolais breeding up to and including purebred Charolais.

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Rambouillet Ramblings

By Mrs. A. D. HARVEY

REGISTERED Rambouillet breeders who have recently become active members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association include: E. L. Smith, Georgetown, Texas; Gilbert Mayfield, Anson, Texas; John Raymond Oleson, Greybull, Wyoming; Jack W. Stone, Alpine, Texas; Keith Curry, Hamilton, Texas, and Charles and Ilo V. Irwin, Buena Vista, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irwin, registered Rambouillet breeders of Buena Vista, Colorado, delivered a registered ram to Clyde Thate in Burkett, Texas, which he had purchased from them. Mr. and Mrs. Thate and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin visited in the Association office, November 19. Mr. Irwin informed us that the Rambouillet sheep had gained second place, of all breeds, in Colorado.

An excerpt from a recent letter from Roy Lackey, Copperas Cove, Texas: "I have just started lambing. We have lots of weeds and small grain to lamb on. I hope people get cold and cry for wool again."

Ovey Taliaferro, Eden, Texas, has recently sold Leonard Buntin and Son of Palestine, Illinois, one registered ram for \$300.00, one registered ram for \$150.00, and one registered ewe for \$100.00.

O. C. Hentges & Son, Bowling Green, Ohio, have recently purchased ten registered Rambouillet ewes from S. K. Lovett, West Liberty, Ohio.

Morris E. Harding, West Liberty,

Illinois, has hold a registered ram to Wayne Tolliver, Louisville, Illinois.

E. B. Chatfield & Sons, Sundance, Wyoming, have sold one registered ram to Jerry Ista, Hulett, Wyoming, and one registered ram to Kenneth E. Taylor, Bill, Wyoming.

The University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, has recently sold four registered Rambouillet ewes to John Kelly McBride, Buffalo, Wyoming.

Elgin Gillett of Powell, Wyoming, has recently purchased 20 registered Rambouillet ewes from James R. and Richard D. Nicholls, Cody, Wyoming.

W. F. Hafer, Hico, Texas, has sold ten registered ewes and one ram to Leland Fisher, Waco, Texas.

Alvin Abrahamson, Bowman, North Dakota, has recently purchased one registered Rambouillet ram from J. Moody & Son, Crawford, Nebraska, and three registered rams from Elvin H. Daniels, Whitney, Nebraska.

The John K. Madsen Farms, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, has recently sold one registered ewe to Nathan Vance, Fairfield, Utah; one registered ewe to Edward Newton, Mona, Utah; fourteen registered ewes to Edmund Cox, Fairview, Utah, and ten registered ewes to Ralph Dubois, Fairfield, Utah.

The University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, has sold eleven registered ewes and two registered rams to Charles and Ilo V. Irwin, Buena Vista, Colorado; 17 registered ewes and one registered ram to E. M. Paulsen, Roberts, Idaho; 25 registered ewes to George A. Barton, Manti, Utah; two registered rams to Thos. Pfister & Sons,

Node, Wyoming; one registered ram to Ralph S. Yohe, Racine, Wisconsin; one registered ram to Soderquist Bros., Cimarron, Colorado.

THE HILL COUNTRY AUXILIARY MEETS

THE HILL Country Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met November 8 in Kerrville at the Episcopal Parish House. Mrs. Louis Strohacker presided at the business meeting and Mrs. Jack Groff gave a report on the style show and sewing contest that will be held at the Harper School Cafetorium on January 3, 1959. The wool and mohair prizes for the sewing contest were displayed and admired. These prizes were obtained through the generosity of Hill Country warehousemen and woolen mill representatives.

A wool and mohair workshop was conducted by Mrs. Pauline Stevens, the home demonstration agent from Bandera.

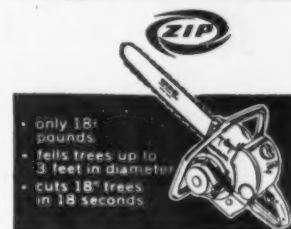
Approximately 45 women and girls enjoyed the program. After the meeting, the Kerrville 4-H girls served lunch to the group.

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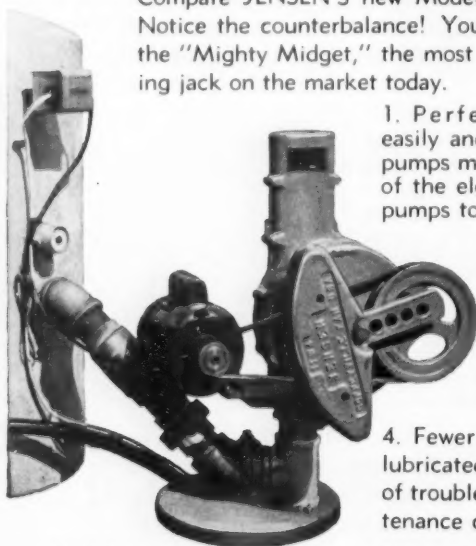
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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

WHAT IS the meaning to farmers of those election results? Consensus here is that they represent a serious setback for the legislative plans of Secretary Benson.

Republicans and Democrats alike pretty much agree on that. Mr. Benson does not.

"Certainly," he said after the election, "I see no evidence of a vote against the Administration agricultural program."

Will the Secretary get what he wants or almost what he wants as he has this year — including lower price support for wheat?

The election figures argue otherwise. They show, for instance, that the Democrats made major gains in the "farm belt", or precisely where Benson had predicted the GOP "probably would pick up some seats."

A few advocates of Benson policy won and some of its critics lost as the Secretary has pointed out. But the overall trend to Democrats can hardly help his cause.

Republican losses were heavier in rural districts than in city areas. About three GOP country congressmen lost their seats for every two from the city who failed of re-election.

In the days of the New Deal, by contrast, the GOP suffered most in the cities.

Democrats who oppose a cut in the price support for wheat will have new strength on the Agriculture committees of Congress.

The results add up to an advantage not far from two to one for the Democrats. There are 62 in the new Senate and 34 Republicans. This ratio is about the same as in the House where there will be 282 Democrats against 153 Republicans.

(Alaska will effect a slight change in the above totals.)

On the House Agriculture committee next year there figure to be 22 or 23 Democrats and 12 or 13 Republicans, give or take one or two in either direction. Split in the last Congress was 19 Democrats to 15 Republicans.

On the Senate Agriculture committee, the only member of either party to lose his race was Ed Thye of Minnesota, a Republican critic of Benson. Thye lost to an even sterner critic of the Secretary, Democratic Eugene McCarthy, no relation whatever to the late Senator from Wisconsin.

Senate party split on the Agriculture committee has been 8-7 for the Democrats. It figures to be 9-6 in the new Congress, although the committee could be enlarged, among other reasons to accommodate Alaska.

While it now appears all but certain that the new Congress can frustrate Benson's purposes, it also may be equally true that he can stop farm proposals which displease him.

His most powerful defensive weapon, as in the past Congress, will be the veto or the threat of it.

It is doubtful, say veterans of the Capitol Hill wars, that the new Congress could muster the necessary two-thirds majority to over-ride a presidential veto. Many city Democrats are not yet sold on proposals being pushed by farm groups and commodity organizations.

What's going to happen to livestock under the weight of this unmatched mountain of feeds?

The current production, plus carry-over, will provide for the 1958-59 feeding year almost 1½ tons per animal unit . . . some 70% more than can be consumed.

Hay supplies, too, are at record levels for this feeding year.

Feed comes first, then livestock. Question is how far will the upward swing go in production of livestock and livestock products? And how heavy will be the downward pressure on prices? Signs of trouble are already apparent in poultry and hogs.

Some forecasters are saying that hogs by next fall may go to the \$10.60 low of 1955. This could give stiff competition from pork.

Steady sheep and cattle prices are predicted for some time due to the current buildup in herds. But a too-rapid buildup in numbers could bring prices down abruptly in 1960, if not sooner.

There has been a sharp rise this year of approximately three times the half-million head of sheep added to herds during 1957.

Over the long haul, the future for most livestock and livestock products looks good. Population growth continues at a rapid rate, and the consumer's table bears an ever-larger proportion of livestock products.

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What do the "onlookers" from all over the country, who gather in Washington about this time every year, see ahead for you? To put it bluntly and briefly, lower prices and less income due to heavy production and higher costs.

The picture as usual is mixed. The livestock producers, except hog growers, figure to continue doing pretty well.

Wheat growers are at the point where some means of reducing output is imperative. Producers of feed grains are headed into a supply situation that will weigh down markets, and reduce supports.

Crop production overall could be as large in 1959 as in 1958, even with weather that isn't as good.

More land will be planted. About 17 million acres or five percent of the total cropland put into the Soil

Bank acreage reserve will go back into wheat, corn, cotton, rice and tobacco next year. This will be only partially offset by the poorer land put into the 1959 conservation reserve.

Anything haywire in the marketing system probably hurts farmers. That's why most farm leaders in Washington look with favor on an investigation just started by the Federal Trade Commission.

FTC purpose is to probe mounting concentration of control in the retail food business.

Many complaints have been received in recent years, said FTC officials, "of concentration of power, collusive price action and unfair competitive methods . . ."

This much looks sure to farm leaders: namely, that monopoly and integration in retail food would make more difficult the solution by farmers of contracting problems in agriculture.



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Expect Increase in Lamb Feeding

THE NUMBER of sheep and lambs to be fed for the winter and early spring market is expected to be larger than last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The level of feeding this year is expected to exceed that of the three previous years and may be near the 1954-55 level of operations. Most states are expected to feed more lambs than last year, although a number of states will feed about the same or a smaller number. A large share of the increase in feeding this year will occur in the wheat pasture operations.

There has been a strong demand for ewe lambs for flock replacements and the large supply of feed grains has created a strong demand for feeder lambs. The replacement demand will tend to prevent as large an increase in lambs fed as would be expected from the increased supply of lambs and the favorable feed situation.

Lamb Crop and Inshipments Up

The 1958 lamb crop was four percent larger than a year earlier, and seven percent above the average. The lamb crop in the 11 Western states, South Dakota and Texas was five percent more than in 1957. The 1958 crop in the 35 native sheep states was four percent larger than last year. Sheep and lamb slaughter from July

through September, 1958, was 10 percent below the same period in 1957 with the July and August slaughter each down 13 percent. Market receipts and estimated Federally inspected slaughter for October are down from last year and indicate a July-October total slaughter about 10 percent less than for the same period in 1957.

Shipments of sheep and lamb into nine Corn Belt states for which in-shipment data are available were up 10 percent from the July-September period last year. Data for October are not available for Iowa. The remaining eight states show inshipments to be about the same number for the July-October period as compared with a year earlier.

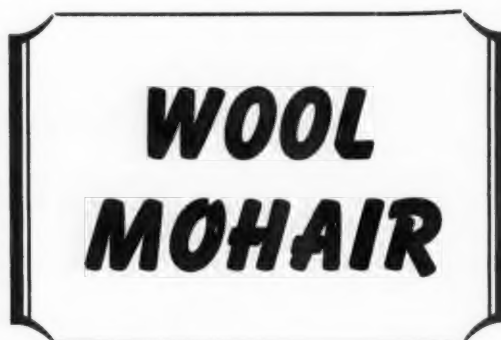
Corn Belt Up

The number of lambs to be fed in the Corn Belt is expected to be larger than a year earlier. Feeding in Indiana is at a low level with the remaining states in the Eastern Corn Belt area showing only a slight increase. The increase in the Western Corn Belt states is mainly in the Kansas wheat pasture area. The remaining states, except Missouri, will be feeding at the same level or slightly higher

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GAS

BIG CARS, high horsepower, high compression engines and gas and oil wasting transmissions have added to the consumer's expense of transportation. One big expense is that of gasoline which the Wall Street Journal reports has been gobbled up in steadily increasing quantities since 1950—from a per gallon mileage of 17 to about 14.4 in 1956, even less in 1957. The fancy engines and accompanying gimmicks required the gasoline distillers to produce high octane fuel (superior to that which at one time lifted airplanes) at a much higher cost to the customer.

Fancy engines mean fancy gasoline and fancy gasoline prices. Were it not for this and the steadily mounting taxes, prices for gasoline could have gone down during the past few years.

Automotive experts declare that many cars can operate on the regular grades of gasoline without "pinging" and that the use of the super gasolines in such cars is waste of money without adding any efficiency to the engine either in longer life or better mileage.

OUT OF HUMOR

Judging from the reaction to the comments made in this column in October the ranch people are thoroughly out of humor with the automobile manufacturers who insist upon lowering their products until the oil pan is almost polishing the pavement.

"Everywhere we go over the ranch we drag something off of the car—always something expensive. We have a station wagon and you'd think they would keep clearance in mind when they build them—but they don't."

Another ranchman griped about chrome strips and panels on the car. "They peel off like banana skins and you have to peel off a lotta dollars to put them back—what good are they? I don't need it and wouldn't buy it if I had any choice."

Upholstery, too, is a source of considerable griping. "Those automobile manufacturers could use burlap during the war and still sell every car. They learned that the public takes what it can get. Now all it can get, it seems, is gaudy synthetics which do not last and some of them shock hell out of you!" "We can't find either wool or mohair upholstery and if we ask, some of the dealers laugh at us and give all kinds of excuses. A few will start in and deride and ridicule wool and mohair for upholstery which indicates two things—that this dealer isn't informed—or to put it bluntly, just plain dumb and that he is not deserving of any business from the wool and mohair producer."

All this upholstery fight indicates something else, too.

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must fight for their markets the quicker they will be able to do something effective in the marketing field."

AND 1959

The 1959 edition of most present-day automobiles does not indicate much change from the gas-gobbling monstrosities of 1958. Apparently, however, some of the "bright boys" have heard that the public is demanding economy and are going to get some even if they have to buy foreign cars to do it. So the public will have to stand a bombardment of such vague and meaningless phrases as "more economical," "less cost to operate" and so forth. However, one consumer publication in analyzing the 1959 automobiles declares that the gasoline economy afforded in the new cars from 1958 would not amount to a "thimble full." This report also states that most cars are wider, lower, longer and have a road clearance that will barely miss a well-greased garter snake.

A ranchman recently purchased a 1959 pick-up—one with those idiotic fins sticking out of the rear on both sides. "Can't figure out what they are good for — except someone thought they look good. They'll be knocked catawampus in a few months and then how'll they look—like a hound dog's ears, I suppose."

Until Detroit shows some sense in

automobile design and engineering the ranchman is advised by the non-prejudiced automobile engineers and owners who are already fighting the battle with the monstrosities to buy only the stripped down, lowest priced models. They'll have comparatively less depreciation and less cost of upkeep. Better still, if the old bus is operating well, keep it for another year or so.

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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

THERE ARE some who recently expressed beliefs to the effect that lamb feeding in the Corn Belt this fall and winter will be increased sharply as a result of the high levels prevailing in stocker and feeder cattle. They believe that high costs of replacement cattle will turn some prospective cattle feeders away from cattle and to the feeding of lambs instead.

While there undoubtedly are some cases to substantiate this line of reasoning, there is nothing in the way of reports or developments emanating from the Corn Belt to indicate that this is being carried out on any large scale. In fact, all available data recently went to minimize this belief.

The main reason why beliefs such as the above were shaken off lightly and disregarded is that cattle feeding and lamb feeding are two distinct ventures — each calling for a definite pattern to follow for efficient operations, something which cannot be changed overnight.

It takes years of experience at either cattle feeding or lamb feeding to gain the knowledge and general know-how to operate as efficiently and profitably as possible. Thus, lamb feeders do not change over to cattle feeding at a moment's notice, and vice versa.

Of course, there are some farmers who operate on a smaller scale who finish out both lambs and cattle each year, but the larger interests must, because of their physical set-up and operations, devote their full time and efforts to one or the other.

There is nothing in the latest available data to indicate that there is any big swing to lamb feeding in the Corn Belt. True, the number of replacement lambs moving into the Corn Belt states this fall is up from a year ago, but the increase is relatively small and was undoubtedly absorbed by established lamb feeders.

During the month of September, the latest month for which data are available, a total of 564,705 replace-

ment lambs moved into the nine Corn Belt states, a gain of 12 percent over the same month a year ago.

The three-month total covering July through September is placed at 1,186,383 feeding sheep and lambs for the nine-state area, a gain of only about 10 percent over the same three-month period last year. Because of very favorable corn crop forecasts for the Corn Belt area, plus the fact that the 1958 crop of lambs was larger than a year ago, it was anticipated earlier this year that the movement of replacements into this area during the fall months would also show an increase.

Expected increase in lamb finishing that is now well under way is not taken as being bearish. An abundance of low-cost feed, plus the expectations that lamb prices next year will hover at or near 1958 levels, have combined to provide prospects of favorable returns in the months ahead.

The lamb market at Chicago during the month of November began taking on a two-way pattern such as has developed in steers and is also under way in hogs. However, unlike cattle and hogs where fat and weight played the important role, the lamb market was divided into two parts, with woolled lambs in one and shorn offerings constituting the other.

Woolled lambs began to strengthen in price at about the same time killers began applying pressure to shorn offerings substantially above shorn kinds in price.

The few strictly prime lots of woolled offerings that arrived during the fore part of November moved up in price to where they were knocking at the door of the \$24 mark as the best of them reached \$23.75. Killers readily purchased other shipments of good and prime woolled lambs from \$22 to \$23.50, but the scarcity at this time of strictly prime kinds kept the volume of sales over \$23.25 to a minimum.

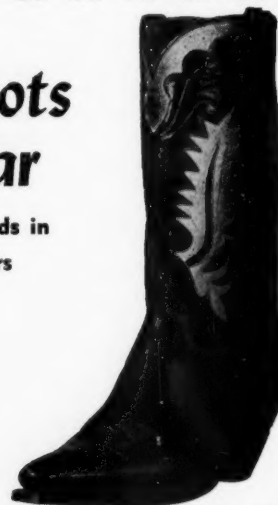
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The recent downward pressure in shorn lambs widened the spread between the two classes to such a degree that virtually nothing in the way of shorn kinds around the middle of November was able to command the prices up from the \$22 mark, although an occasional shipment or two of best shorn kinds reached \$23.25.

The development of weight as the most important price determining factor in steers during the latter portion of September and all of October showed no signs of letting up during the first half of November. However, one encouraging development at this time was the halting of downward pressure in the heavier weights as killers appeared willing to purchase well finished steers at values that prevailed during the final portion of October.

This, however, was very little comfort to the finisher of choice and prime steers who found his year-fed steers weighing over 1200 lbs. selling from \$25 to \$27.50 alongside partly finished yearlings under 1,000 lbs. and grading just good selling up to \$26.50. Not only were finishers of well finished heavy steers subjected to price discrimination, but they also experienced an action much slower than in partly finished yearlings.

The weight factor continued to play a major role as killers again reported that the best wholesale action centers around weights carrying less fat. Not only is the consumer demand much more dependable for the lighter, leaner carcasses, but the latter kinds also sell at a higher price at wholesale than the heavier, fatter carcasses.

Buyers continued to find the steer quality at Chicago the best in several months as the Corn Belt continued to market old-crop well finished steers in liberal numbers. In fact, with the continuation of the demand for lighter cattle, the quality was too good for a good many buyers. Many reported that instead of being criticized for buying cattle that failed to come up to expectations, they were being told that numerous loads they purchased were too good for the trade.

Another replacement buying season came to a close easily in November as many areas reported activity waning after the bulk of thin cattle changed hands. However, a fair amount of Corn Belt demand for stockers and feeders still prevailed as the month of

November progressed. The scarcity of available numbers of replacement cattle prevented some prospective buyers from filling their needs. Reports indicate that there are still a fairly large number of Corn Belt feeders who needed replacement cattle and the huge corn crop recently harvested has stimulated their search for thin cattle.

Mid-November found the hog market in the midst of a definite seasonal trend toward a much wider price spread, not only in the various weights and types of butchers, but also between butchers and sows. Butchers of the same weights were selling 75c to \$1 apart at this time as pork processors gave more money for lean meat-types and discounted over-fat kinds.

The spread of about 75c between the average prices of 200- and 250-lb. butchers was the widest since last May and compared with a difference of only 10c between the two average prices about a month ago, prior to this latest trend of wider prices.

Meanwhile, the general level of hog prices at Chicago at the middle of the month, near \$18.50, was on a par with the lowest level of prices since January. This came despite the fact that hog slaughtering over the nation during October dropped under the same month a year ago. Previous to October hog killing ran above a year ago for four consecutive months.

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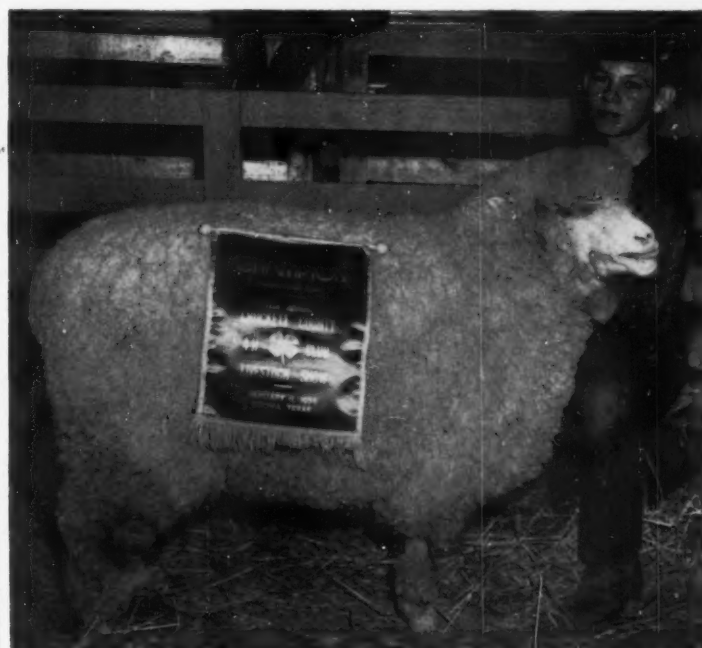
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Oddly enough, this happy custom had a solemn start. The ancients drank to their gods and their dead during religious rites. It wasn't long, however, before some good-time Greeks got the idea of drinking to the here and now. The Romans were even heartier. They complimented their lady friends by draining a cup for each letter in the damsel's name. Undoubtedly the hostess with the mostest syllables won the popularity poll. One of the noblest Romans-about-town, a fellow named Petronius, coined a phrase that's come down through the centuries. "Let us wet our whistles!" was his contribution to conviviality.

Anglo-Saxon toasts were even shorter, as might be expected. "Waes hael!" the drinkers would cry (literally translated: "be healthy!") The hygienic beverage soon came to be called "was-sail."

It wasn't till the 17th century that people called a toast a toast. The term derived from a quaint English custom of floating a piece of toast in the drink to improve its flavor. The legend goes that a lord once visited a lady after her bath. The gallant gent filled a winglass with the bathwater and proceeded to drink her health. His

sensible sidekick advised him to pass up the drink and take the toast instead (meaning the pretty girl who had recently floated in that particular "punch"). For a long time after that, ladies were called "toasts" and toasts were drunk only to ladies. Britons often toasted their true loves on bended knee. Scots had to be more athletic. For over 200 years, they've drunk to auld lang syne with one foot placed on the table, the other on the chair. Try that next time you say "bottoms up!"

Although American toasting procedure couldn't be simpler (just stand, clink and drink), our toasts are among the most colorful in the world. Who hasn't heard or said, "Here's mud in your eye?" The phrase was born in pioneer days when a farmer, about to leave town and head west, would stop at the tavern for a last round of drinks with the boys. The thought on everyone's mind: would the new land be rocky and hard to plow, or would the soil be soft and rich, throwing specks of mud into the eye of the man behind the plow? The toaster hoped for the latter when he said, "Here's mud in your eye."

Since then, we've toasted love and war, mother and money—we've even toasted the bank. There are tender toasts and dryly humorous ones. Mark Twain's witticism: "Let us toast the



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fools—but for them the rest of us could not succeed."

Many toastmasters drink to the drink in their hand. "Here's champagne to our real friends, and real pain to our sham friends." Said Daniel Webster: "May you always have an eagle in your pocket, a turkey on your table, and Old Crow in your glass." An English poet, Lord Byron, created a couplet that became a famous toast in England and America: "Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter. Sermons and soda water the day after."

Not too surprisingly, the ladies remain our best-toasted subject. "Here's to the pictures on my desk. May they never meet," is the college man's dearest wish. The sailor raises his glass to this one: "Here's to the ships of our navy and the ladies of our land. May the first be well-rigged and the latter well-manned." Says the Army man, not to be outdone: "Here's to the soldier and his arms/Fall in, men, fall in/Here's to woman and her arms/Fall in, men, fall in."

Other diversions receive their due. The amateur fisherman isn't forgotten: "Here's to our fisherman bold/Here's to the fish he caught/Here's to the one that got away/And here's to the one he bought."

Business as well as pleasure is commemorated. Salesmen toast their profession thus: "Here's to us. Never sell a salesman short." Farmers get a pat on the back and a clink of the glass: "Good luck to the hoof and the horn/Good luck to the flock and the fleece/Good luck to the growers of corn/With blessings of plenty and peace." Even the psychiatrist is not overlooked: "Here's to the head shrinker. He finds you cracked and leaves you broke."

But the toast that wraps everything up is the one passed along by genial B. C. Ohlandt, executive vice president of National Distillers, who heard it at a Chicago dinner some months ago: "To everybody in the whole wide world, lest some one think he has been overlooked!"

Conn Cunningham, who has ranched on the same University lease east of Fort Stockton the last 25 years, has sold his ranch interests, retired from ranching and moved to the Hotel Cactus, San Angelo. Burch Woodward of Girvin purchased all of his sheep and took over the 30,000-acre lease.

Lamb Feeding

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than a year earlier. Sheep and lamb feeding operations in Kansas will be on a much larger scale this year than in the past several years.

Wheat Pasture Feeding Shows Large Increase

Lamb feeding operations this year in the wheat pasture area of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado, will be considerably larger than last year. Wheat pastures in Kansas got off to a good start.

Sheep and lamb feeding is expected to be on an increased level for the Western states as a whole with only Arizona indicating a decline as compared with a year earlier. Oregon will feed about the same number as last year, while the remaining states in this area are expected to feed more lambs. In Colorado, the leading feeding state, the level of feeding will exceed that of any recent year. Lambs moved into the feeding areas of Colorado earlier this year, which will result in marketings at an earlier date. It has been an ideal fall for feeding lambs in Colorado. Feed supplies are abundant throughout the northern Colorado area as well as in the Arkansas Valley. Full utilization of beet tops is possible due to favorable conditions at harvest.

Feed supplies are abundant in all the important lamb feeding areas of the country except in a limited area of the Northern Plains. The average price of feeder lambs on the Denver market for the week ending November 1, 1958, was \$22.25 for good grade lambs and \$23.25 for choice grade lambs. This may be compared to a price of \$21.75 a year earlier for good and choice lambs.

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E. B. Keng, Work Unit Conservationist, SCS, Sonora, Texas, gives a report concerning results received by Joe M. VanderStucken and his cousin, George Brockman, on their ranches in Sonora, Texas. Mr. Keng states:



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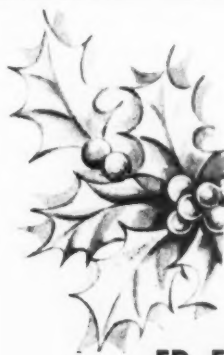
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Although it is possible for a ranchman to make more money in a single year by heavier grazing, he will realize the after-effects of abusing his range in the "long run." Long-term planning and proper management of grazing will always insure a more consistent income.

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MOHAIR PRICES this year have been substantially lower than last year, apparently due largely to an easing of world demand. Prices in Texas began to move slowly downward late in May 1957 about the time wool prices began to slide. The decline continued at an accelerated rate from the third quarter of last year, when world woolen and worsted textile activity began to decline sharply, until early May of this year. Prices advanced somewhat during May, and although they have fluctuated somewhat, there was no noticeable trend until late October when they advanced a little. During the first six months (April-September) of the current domestic marketing season, the monthly averages of prices received by Texas growers ranged between 55 and 70 cents per pound, grease basis. Monthly data are not available for 1957; however, the 1957 seasonal average of prices received in Texas was 89 cents. The seven-State average was 88.6 cents.

Prices at local shipping points for this year's Texas spring clip ranged between 46.5 and 76.5 cents for adult hair and between 76.5 and 101.5 cents for kid hair. Prices for the 1957 spring clip ranged between a low of 81.5 and a high of 106.5 cents for adults and between 101.5 and 136.5 cents for kid hair. Up to late October, prices for this year's fall clip ranged between 61.5 and 76.5 cents for adult and between 91.5 and 106.5 cents for kid hair. Up to the same time last year, prices for 1957 fall hair had ranged between 80.0 and 96.5 cents for adult and between 111.5 and 126.5 cents for kid hair. Scattered sales of fall mohair have been reported at 81.5 cents for adult and 126.5 for kid. Most kid prices ranged about 111.5 cents in recent sales.

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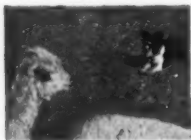
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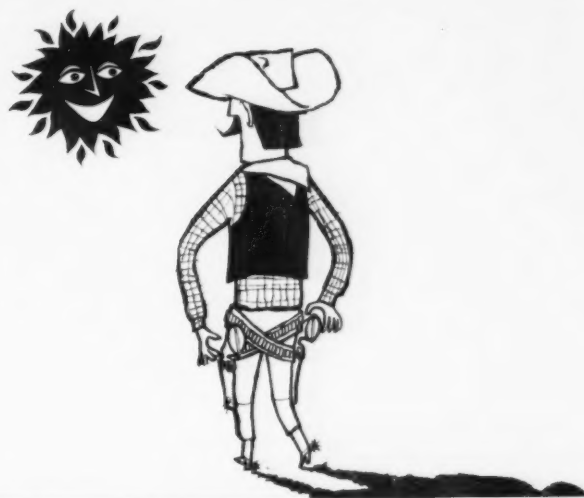
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